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Albany's urban forest  
A public meeting on Albany's urban forestry Master Plan is scheduled today at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Slides and displays will cover the present and future of the program, which recently planted 1,000 trees in the city. Topics will include tree maintenance, program costs and future needs. Details: 528-5760.

Garden books

The second Friends of the El Cerrito Library Bag Sale for 1997 is at El Cerrito Plaza Farmers Market Saturday, May 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For a mere \$2, attendees can choose a Friends of the El Cerrito library book bag and load it with choice thousands of books, including thrillers, murder mysteries, romances, histories, textbooks, bibles, references and more. All are on a first-come first-served basis. Thom Stark, 526-9600; Leon, 526-5116.

Sewer charges

El Cerrito Sanitary District is proposing a sewer service charge effective July 1. Single family unit of \$84 a year would go to \$100, and multiple dwelling units would go from \$56 a year to \$66.72 per unit. A public hearing is slated for June 19 at 7 p.m. at District offices, 7500 Schmidt Drive, 7500 Schmidt Drive. Details: 524-4666.

Gardens of Science

Albany to "Explore the Wonders of Science" with free interactive experiments for students in grades 4-8 being offered by St. John Bap-tist Catholic School (11156 San Pablo Ave.) Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids can build a volcano, "slime," build their own model of a cow eyeball and take home the gifts in this program presented by Berkeley Engineering Society. The fun, free and open to all, is in the school gymnasium. Details: 235-7800 ext. 466.

More books

You don't find what you all day at the El Cerrito Library sale at the Plaza, go to the Kensington Library sale that afternoon from noon to 4 p.m. Details: 526-5116.

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More than 100 prizes will be awarded to Albany grammar school children at the "JUST WEAR IT" Albany's first Bicycle Rodeo to be held Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo and Cochran Albany Police Reserve George Krebs who is a member of the police department's Bicycle Detail. This is the first year for Albany's Bicycle Safety Program which has been four years in the planning.

Thirteen hundred flyers promoting the rodeo were taken home by Albany grammar school children describing the day's events and telling of tickets to be given to "good" and "negative" bicycle riders.

One hundred helmets and a new child's bicycle will be given through a drawing where Albany Children

have been issued "Obeying the Law" and "You are in Violation of the Law" tickets by Albany police. The "Good" tickets are issued when an officer sees a youngster on a bicycle wearing a helmet and obeying the traffic laws. The "Failure to Wear a Bicycle Safety Helmet" ticket is given to the youth who is not wearing a helmet.

This child should have the parent or guardian fill out the ticket and deposit it at one of the businesses named on the back of the ticket. "Good" riders will deposit their's also with the parent's signature, in one of the following locations: Albany Police Department, 1000 San Pablo Ave.; Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave.; Solano Ave. Cyclery, 1554 Solano

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Police Chief Larry Murdo invites kids of all ages to attend Albany's 'Bicycle Rodeo.'

## 'Mega-theater' loses council support

City hopes developer will work with residents to find acceptable alternative

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — The writing was apparently on the Del Norte wall for the City Council, and it said "no mega-theater."

That was the abrupt announcement in which council members at Tuesday's meeting backed away from support for the proposed "megatheater" cinema at the Del Norte mixed-use.

It came after yet another citizen tirade against the project and one regular council observer, former council candidate Thom Stark, said

it amounted to "damage control."

In a statement to his colleagues and residents, Councilmember Norman La Force acknowledged the pointed public opposition to the proposed 20-screen cinema complex. He said the environmental impact report is intended to study several alternatives, but that "public comment...has focused more on opposing one of those alternatives... which opponents have dubbed the 'megatheater.'"

"I want my colleagues and residents to know that I cannot and will not support the Oewel proposal as it

stands today, because of its size and scale."

LaForce, however, also spoke to "people who support [the project], indeed some stating that they have no problem with something even larger." He apologized to this faction of the community, saying, "Residents who supported the Oewel project will undoubtedly be disappointed, but I hope they understand."

### Acceptable proposal sought

The City Council is not abandoning the development altogether.

It intends to use the current EIR to facilitate some kind of mixed-development on the site. What that will be, however, is unknown.

La Force stated that mixed-use development at this site "is essential for ensuring the economic survival of Del Norte Place, the award-winning mixed-use development next store." He also emphasized the necessity of development for the economic viability of the city as a whole. "It is essential for creating additional sales tax revenue for this city, which is necessary for protecting the quality of life... [and] esen-

tial for generating an economically vital northside of El Cerrito."

His statement was followed in turn by colleagues who said they also were unable to support the project as proposed.

Both councilmembers Jane Bartke and Mark Friedman emphasized the importance of community involvement in the process of re-thinking the development with Oewel.

Friedman began by concurring with La Force's conclusions that "there is not that much support in

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Illustrations courtesy Steve Price and Design, Community &amp; Environment

## Visions of a 'new look' San Pablo

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — With the hope of creating a "new vision" for San Pablo Avenue, city staff and consultants concluded their three-part public outreach process for the rather aptly-named San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan.

The outreach process consisted of two public meetings and a walking tour of Albany's main traffic thoroughfare, and is aimed at creating a more pedestrian-friendly environment as well as spurring economic development. At the most recent visioning session two weeks ago, city-hired consultant David Early presented participants with a number of ideas for improving the street, including a bigger, more visible City Hall and a median running from just south of Solano Avenue to Washington Avenue.

According to Assistant City Administrator Anne Ritzma, the plan will provide a sort of horizon for future development on San Pablo to move toward, with many of the suggested improve-

ments being paid for by local merchants. The plan, to be reviewed by the City Council in July, could manifest itself in the formation of a Business Improvement District, a sort of "mini chamber of commerce" which would act more or less independently from the city.

At the most recent meeting, just over a dozen city residents and business owners found their way to the Albany Community Center to behold the results of the two previous meetings, held in early March. Attendees viewed a slide show depicting improvements such as bigger street trees, taller buildings and the median, the last of which property-owner Jerome Blank opposed rather adamantly.

### Avenue amenities

According to Early, the plan's end result will be a street which is both more pleasing and productive, more of a resource to the community at large. Focusing on the portion of San Pablo

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Conceptual proposal for the intersection, with a 'Market Hall' type building at the northeast corner.

## Albany police holding their first 'Bicycle Rodeo' for kids

## GGF Cardroom hearing starts

Decision expected in 90 days

By Greg Hugunin

SAN FRANCISCO — Nearly 2-1/2 years after Albany voters approved Measure F, the Citizens for Responsible Government finally had its day in court last week in the group's appeal of the Golden Gate Fields cardroom lawsuit.

By BART and by bridge, cardroom opponents and counsel for both sides made their way across the Bay to attend what could end up being the final public airing of the long and furious dispute. The case, originally filed in January, 1995, seeks to invalidate the city-sponsored initiative that allows Ladbrooke Racing Corp. to build a 150-table cardroom at the racetrack.

A win for CRG would undoubtedly deal a serious blow to the cardroom proposal, forcing Ladbrooke and Albany to seek a hearing with the California Supreme Court. If Ladbrooke wins, on the other hand, it would

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## District oks bond budget

By Emily Lundberg

ALBANY — While he has no official role in school board actions, Mayor Bob Good was on hand to scrutinize the school district's General Obligation Bond budget for reconstruction at last week's board meeting. In the end, the Bond Budget was approved, but not without what

Superintendent Dale Hudson called "the realization that it will change substantially in the weeks and months to come," and, more importantly, not without a scrap with the Mayor.

The most elusive item in the budget stems from Albany High School's still undefined retro-

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Police Chief Larry Murdo invites kids of all ages to attend Albany's 'Bicycle Rodeo.'

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# High school/ middle school debate: Albany readers respond

## Viewpoint

### Board's proposals are attainable and logical

By Ed McManus  
Albany school board

Several recent letters in your paper have raised the topic of the Albany school district's facilities plans. I would like to take this opportunity to explain the district's plans on providing needed school facilities. The two major facility needs facing the Albany schools are:

1.) the ability to adequately house and provide necessary academic programs for our children, and

2.) the need to provide seismically adequate schools for our children. Meeting both of these needs is necessary to maintain the outstanding reputation of our schools.

In kindergarten through eighth grade the district is facing severe shortages in the number and type of facilities necessary to provide our children with the superior educational program which the district is expected to provide. To provide classrooms for the numbers of students which are now attending our schools the district has had to site 14 portable classrooms on district campuses as well as converting two libraries to classrooms and parts of two multi-purpose rooms to classrooms.

This summer the district will bring in another 4.5 portable classrooms to prove space for the state's class size reduction program in grades one and two. To provide space for this program in the kindergarten and third grade would require bringing in another five portable classrooms on the Marin and Cornell schoolyards.

Additionally, the district is unable to meet the need of increasing science education at our middle school due to the lack of adequate science facilities.

The ability to provide for reduced class size and an enhanced science curriculum at the middle school level has

quickly become a measure of a district's desirability for prospective residents.

Providing for these needs by simply adding additional portables to already severely crowded small campuses does not provide the type or quality of education our children deserve. It would leave us with two schools with libraries in the hallways, two other schools with severely limited ability to provide for music and dramatic activities, and a middle school without the resources to provide the enhanced science education necessary to prepare students for high school and the competitive edge necessary to be accepted in first rate colleges.

The district's plan for addressing these needs is to build a new middle school and convert the existing middle school to a K - 5 school. This plan is not merely a matter of improvement and

modernization as some would suggest. This plan is absolutely necessary to provide the adequate facilities and superior programs our children need and deserve now. To suggest that these needs should wait until after the high school is made seismically whole, eight to 10 years, is to cheat a generation of our children out of that education and cut that bridge to their future in the 21st century.

Instead of building a new middle school at the old Hill Lumber site, one of the recent letter writers suggests a different plan. That plan envisions surpassing the Vista and MacGregor primary school sites, building an elementary school at the Hill Lumber site and adding facilities at the current middle school.

The problem with this plan is that it would require building a 29 classroom elementary school at the Hill Lumber site. Most of the financial advantage of surpassing the Vista and MacGregor campuses would go

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The Journal last week asked Albany readers to write us with their thoughts on plans to build a new middle school and rebuild part of the high school for seismic reasons, and locate portable classroom in part of Memorial Park construction at the high school. By press time this week the responses were still coming in, and surprisingly virtually all the project. We lead off with an opinion piece by Boardmember and former mayor Ed McManus, and begin with a submission from Mayor Bob Good. Some eight responses arrived by email, although a crash of our email provider in the loss of a letter supporting the project. We want this to be an open dialogue we still want to hear your thoughts on the projects (the latest actions by the board are recounted in a story on the front page), and we'd like to hear from people who agree with the school board's course of action.

**Write us at PO Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530; fax letters to 339-4066; or email your responses to hillsnews@aol.com (we are in the process of switching to a new email provider soon).**

Please include your phone number for verification and followup. And thanks to everyone who took the time to respond so far.

## Reader reaction to projects

### Postpone the middle school

The Albany School Board proposes to put portable classrooms on part of Memorial Park for five years during school construction. But park land is too precious for that; no amount of money can compensate for it.

If there were no alternative, we could consider it; but there is a much better alternative: postpone building the middle school, and put the portable class rooms on the Hill Lumber site instead.

This has all the advantages: First, we don't have enough money for both the middle school and the high school; we should build the life-or-death project first, and that's the high school.

Second, the Hill Lumber site is less than a five minute walk from the high school, paved all the way. We could still use the remaining high school buildings.

Third, the temporary class rooms would not be right next to a construction project, with all the noise and distractions.

Fourth, the impact on the neighborhood would be greatly reduced, because there would be only one major construction project, instead of having two at once.

Fifth, we would save precious recreational facilities for the kids, who are desperately in need of them.

I urge the School Board to postpone the middle school. This is by far the most reasonable alternative.

Bob Good  
Albany

### Proposal a great opportunity

I am in support of the Albany school board and moving forward with the Albany Middle School. It would be a great loss to miss this opportunity for the new school.

The teachers have a right to express concerns but should not dictate the decision. In practice, in the business world, I have found the workers are always concerned about a move. Ultimately, the decision needs to be made about what is best for the students. I believe proceeding with the plan for the new school is best.

Laura Gardner  
Albany

### Regroup and consider new course

I am writing to you concerning



Part of the Memorial Park area adjacent to the high school where portable classrooms would be located. (Photo: Noah Berger)

ing the issues in the Albany schools. When the construction of a new middle school was suggested, several years ago, I was all in favor.

We needed new facilities. It was at the height of the cuts and we needed to breathe new life into our middle school and a new building with improved facilities and better space for all the children seemed a great idea.

Many people in our community worked long and hard to try to bring the middle school project to fruition but the process has been intolerably long, hampered by a lack of directness, leadership and vision within the district and in the end we have been overtaken by events.

We still need those new facilities, for science particularly. However, I think that the board needs now to reevaluate the whole project in light of the situation at the high school.

I think the current situation gives us a great opportunity to

a course to excellence.

Caroline Lehman  
Albany

### Don't sacrifice Memorial Park

I agree completely with Mayor Good that the community should not lose the park facilities to portable school rooms.

School board President Skinner says the mayor should butt out of school business. Does she also think the 37 teachers who oppose the plans should also butt out? After all, who is going to be teaching in those less than ideal spaces?

The mayor made many sensible arguments as I read them in the Journal. Just because a lot of time and money has been expended on these plans doesn't make them right. I agree with Leon Rimov: "There's got to be a time when you say 'Stop this nonsense.'

seismically safe and science and computers make sure it is a good — which it now is not — reason.

I am in total agreement with Janet Smith Heimer to be new Middle school principal.

The Hill Lumber site is proposed, as the city's plan is location for the school side of town, near the new school. It is excellent near BART — exactly needed. There is a site housing today in the

### Seismic work be top priority

I am opposed to the new of a new middle school the high school is in need of seismic repairs or replacement. The school board is back up or down from because their huge equity involved, and they are unwilling to let go of their investment in their middle school mind is unconscionable for me proponents to continue this project in light of to address the high school problem.

### Expansion less

Thank you for the article on building repairs for Albany's Middle School.

Given the information presented, I believe the reasonable school decision is:

1. Keep Albany Middle School at its present site. Thirty-seven teachers first hand knowledge of middle school students' educational requirements our support.

Building an additional million wing to the high school

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### I would like to see the board have the courage to say "Stop, we need to regroup" and take the initiative to set Albany schools on a course to excellence.

rethink our schools as we retool them. Could we not find some more creative solutions to our problems instead of the standard elementary school/ middle school/ high school model?

Surely we can be innovative both in our structures and our curriculum!! We are a small community; financial resources are not our strength but human resources are.

I would like to see the board have the courage to say "Stop, we need to regroup" and take the initiative to set Albany schools on

Ann Middleton  
Albany

### Expand present middle school

I have never been convinced that we needed a new middle school rather than expanding the existing one. It has playing fields. A second story can be built, it is centrally located.

I am convinced the first priority is to make the high school

## Keep those cards and letters coming

This page is the community's forum, where you can offer opinions and see what your neighbors think (but try to keep it OK?). Making submissions is easier than ever (the following are for announcements, press releases, calendar listings and other communication.) Let us count the ways:

■ Traditionalists can mail letters or opinion pieces to P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530.

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## Mail carriers food bank collection is Saturday

Media stories on hunger typically focus on children, while the plight of their mothers — or grandmothers — receives less attention. This coming Mother's Day will provide more than just thank yous for thousands of local mothers. They will receive much-needed food, thanks to the Letter Carriers Food Drive.

On Saturday, May 10, the day before Mother's Day, letter carriers throughout Contra Costa County will pick up food donations door to door as they deliver the mail. The food will be distributed by the Contra Costa Food Bank to elderly women on low incomes and to the families of single mothers, as well as to many other people in need.

It's all part of a nation-wide food drive sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers, and the U.S. Postal Service. All services are being donated so that there is no cost to taxpayers.

Last year 18 post offices, 300 letter carriers, and 300 other volunteers participated in the one-day food drive in Contra Costa County. More than 95,000 pounds of food were collected locally. The goal this year is 100,000 pounds.

"The drive is a positive experience for everyone," says Lynne Evans, a union shop steward and Concord letter carrier who helps coordinate the event. "People appreciate the convenience of having food donations picked up in front of their home and letter carriers are being able to help local people who need it."

Every month the Contra Costa Food Bank and its network of 200 charitable agen-

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## Carjack chase ends with collision, 3 damaged cars, but no injuries

By Greg Hugunin

EL CERRITO — The quiet of a weekday afternoon near Harding Elementary School was shattered last week when a group of teenagers, fleeing police in a car which was stolen at shotgun-point two days earlier, barreled into three parked cars and then fled into the surrounding neighborhood.

The incident began a few blocks away at El Cerrito High School when Richmond Unified School District Police saw the car make a "sudden, erratic U-turn," ran the car's license plates and determined it was stolen. Two of the car's occupants—the driver, 16, and an 18-year-old passenger, were apprehended, while two other passengers escaped.

No injuries were reported, although according to one woman who works at the school, all four vehicles, including her own, were totaled. "It was a dangerous situation," said El Cerrito Police Corporal Shawn Maples. "We're really lucky that nobody got hurt."

### ■ Police Reports

## Stolen keys and a break-in

By K. Osborn

On the afternoon of April 28 a janitor for the Albany Unified School District reported that his set of keys for the school district had been stolen from his truck. There were no witnesses. The school district requested extra patrols of the school grounds.

Just before midnight on April 30 Albany officers responded to an alarm at Cougar Field and stopped a young man who was observed running from the area. He was found to be a 15-year-old Albany boy and he admitted using the keys he had stolen earlier. He was arrested for burglary, resisting arrest and being in possession of stolen property. He was transferred to Juvenile Hall.

At about 2 p.m. on May 1 a business on the 600 block of San

The car, a 1991 Mazda 929, was carjacked, via shotgun, from its owner on Monday, April 28 on Broadway Avenue in Oakland. Two days later, school district police spotted the vehicle in front of the high school at 3:35 p.m., ran the license plate number and learned the car was stolen.

Officers pursued the vehicle southbound on Ashbury Avenue at a speed "well over the posted limit" of 25 mph, according to Maples. The driver only made it three blocks, however, at which point he apparently lost control at the corner of Ashbury and Fairmont avenues, next to Harding Elementary School.

The car side-swiped a parked van and then plowed into another car, which in turn took out a third.

"It's always a shock to see your parked car in the middle of the street," said Alva Tamura, an employee of the school's day care center who did not witness the incident. Tamura, who owns the second car, said the van and the third car belonged to parents who were

picking up their children.

With police in hot pursuit, occupants of the car, who Maples described as in their late teens, fled south on foot toward Albany. Police cordoned off the largely-residential neighborhood and, with the help of neighbors, were able to locate two of the suspects, who were hiding residents' back yards and surrendered without incident.

The other two suspects apparently outdistanced the chase and escaped before the area was sealed off.

The driver of the vehicle, a 16-year-old student at a Berkeley high school, was booked and then released to his parents. The 18-year-old suspect was released pending further investigation.

Tamura said it was "fortunate" no children were nearby, and seemed to have accepted what happened to her vehicle, saying, "It's just a car." As the police report was not finished as of Monday, no charges had been filed at that point, Maples said.



'Campus Series,' an exhibition of photographic works of the artist Dah, continues through May 30 at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Stolen cars dominate EC blotter

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — The glovebox of a car was ransacked in the early morning hours of April 25 on the 3000 block of Yolo. The burglar stole \$2. Also on April 25, in the early morning, the glovebox of a car on the 2600 block of Arlington was ransacked. The burglar also stole the rear right tire of the car.

A set of keys were stolen overnight on April 20-21 from an automobile parked on the 2600 block of Tulane Avenue.

At about 4 p.m. on April 21, a car was broken into. The burglar(s) seemingly fled from the car, for the property was abandoned. A group of juveniles was spotted near the scene of the crime.

A BB was shot through the window of a house during the day of April 23 on the 5900 block of Lassen Street.

At 2 a.m. a prowler was spotted on the 7000 block of Eureka Av-

enu. The prowler fled the scene.

On April 25 at 6 p.m. a man went into Payless. When he came out about 20 minutes later his driver-side door was scratched.

On April 24, a yellow 1984 Ford Thunderbird was reported stolen from the 1700 block of Lexington at approximately 8 a.m.

A white 1996 Honda Civic was reported stolen from the corner of Ashbury and Eureka in the early morning hours of April 24.

On April 26, around 1 p.m., a 1981 gold Toyota Corolla was reported stolen from the 1700 block of Liberty Street.

At about 6 p.m. on April 25, a Walnut Creek male was apprehended stealing two cordless phones from the Target store.

A Richmond man was charged with possession of paraphernalia on April 21. He had, in his pockets, a scale, spoons, a glass pipe and

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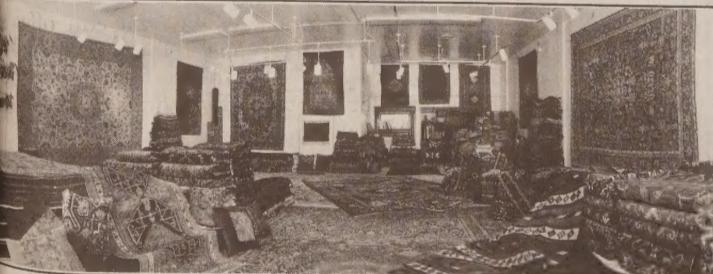
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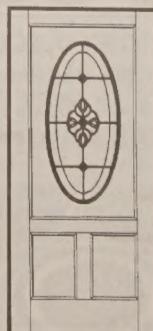
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# Rotary program, 'Career Shadows' mean vocational opportunities

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO — Yvette and Carole Osorio-Gomez came to the United States to improve their English. Thanks to the El Cerrito Rotary, they've also had an opportunity to explore a possible career choice.

The twin sisters live in Santiago, Chile with their parents and two other sisters, Marisol and Nagerit. Last year, they came to California to live with their aunt and uncle, Laura and Luis Lopez, who've been residents of El Cerrito for 30 years. They thought it would be a great opportunity to learn English and attend an American high school. They're enjoying the experience.

They've also enjoyed learning how to use a computer through El Cerrito High's "Computer Business Applications" course. Both girls have a strong interest in business and in science; they'll take some time yet to decide what career to pursue. They'd never taken a class in computers in Chile.

The course is taught by Marialyce Romeo, just chosen one of six Teachers of the Year in the entire West Contra Costa School District. Romeo's position is funded by Contra Costa County's Regional Occupation Program. The county works with the school district to decide what courses would be beneficial to each high school; two other courses are funded at El Cerrito: Radio Broadcasting and Automotive Repair.

The program is county-administered, with funds funneled through the district, which hired Romeo as an instructor.

Though the course has the appearance of an alternative "vocational" class, most of Romeo's students will go to college. The skills they develop will help them to prepare papers for classes and to work part-time as they attend school.

"This class could be helpful to anyone," she said. "If students are planning to go to college, they have

to know how to do word processing and spreadsheets, so they don't end up paying someone to do their papers for them."

In her course, Romeo teaches specific computer skills — Word Perfect, Lotus, some 10-key calculator and a little; her students also work on job-finding skills (completing resumes and filling out practice applications), explore the Internet for job openings, and explore various career options.

That's where the Rotary career shadow program fits in.

It started last year when then-president Jane Del Simone chose the chapter's themes for the year, "Youth" and "Rotary and the Community." (Current president Barbara Kronin is continuing the youth theme but with an emphasis on elementary schools.)

Del Simone organized her fellow Rotarians in the shadow program, working with Romeo. Students are chosen to visit different businesses for one morning, learning all about the field as a possible career choice. They are then invited to the Rotary club luncheon.

So far this year, students have "shadowed" Jack Freethy at El Cerrito Lumber, Dr. Lee Prutton at Abbey Pet Hospital, chiropractor Pam Horrigan, city manager Gary Pokorny and postmaster Ed Kimble.

Yvette and Carole followed Del Simone at Full Circle Travel.

"I filed papers, brochures and magazines," said Yvette. "Jane told us how she got into the business, showed us how to read brochures and use the computer, and gave us the main ideas about travel pricing and tickets."

"We also watched her talking to a client."

Both girls found the travel career an appealing one.

Their plans for now are to return to Chile in July to visit their family. (Sister Marisol just arrived in El Cerrito this week for a visit.)

They then hope to return to the

area to attend college, perhaps starting out at a community college, then moving on to a four-year school.

"You have more opportunities here to study what you want in college," said Carole, adding that her increased knowledge of English is equally important for her future in South America.

Del Simone encourages business persons in the community to join the Rotary and participate in its programs designed to encourage youth in business.

This year, she's chairing the northern California region's youth business camp, Camp Venture, to take place at Mills College on June 26. One of the El Cerrito High shadowing students will attend the Rotary camp, selected and sponsored by the El Cerrito chapter.

## Mammograms: A Mother's Day gift of life

Going to the doctor doesn't usually mean getting presents, but a Contra Costa health coalition has come up with a way for local women to give themselves a present for Mother's Day by having a breast exam and mammogram that could save their lives.

The Contra Costa Breast Cancer Partnership, coordinated by the county Health Services Department, offers gift certificates as an additional incentive to the first 100 qualified Contra Costa women who make appointments for free breast health check-ups during May. Gift certificates are from the Olive Garden Restaurant in Pittsburg, Target in Pleasant Hill, both good throughout the county and Sizzler in Antioch and Concord.

To qualify, women must be over 40 years old, low income and either uninsured or underinsured. To see if she qualifies, a woman can call the Breast Cancer Partnership (313-6764, English; 313-6617, Spanish).

Appointments for exams are



Yvette (sitting) and Carole Osorio-Gomez learn about computers from past Rotary President Jane Del Simone at the travel agency where she works.

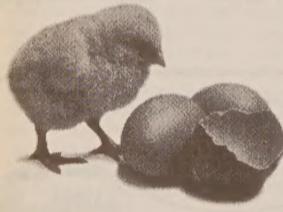
## Hausmusik concert series returns to St. Alban's Church starting May 16

On Friday, May 16, at 8 p.m. Teatro Bacchino and Hausmusik present John Frederick Lampe's *The Dragon of Wantley*, a fully-staged burlesque opera from the time of Handel (sung in English). Kristi Brown and Nadia Mahdi, sopranos; Michael Kull, tenor, and Pierre-Guy Le Gall White, baritone. Music direction by David Morris and stage director Jennifer Griesbach.

The concert is in the Hall at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington, Albany. \$16 (general), \$14 (SFMES, ARS, EMA, seniors). Advance reservations recommended. Call 556-5661 for tickets and information. Pre-show lecture by

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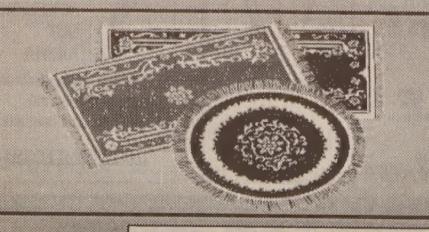
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The latest 1.5-mile section of carpool lanes now gives the notoriously crowded freeway a total of 8.5 miles north and southbound, Caltrans says.

Lanes are open to vehicles with three or more occupants, vans, buses and motorcycles.

Two-seat vehicles carrying two people can also use the lanes during the posted commute times of 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. westbound and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. eastbound.

## AUW meets May 17

**Costa Rica — Central American Cradle of Biological Diversity** will be the topic addressed by Dr. Mark Almeda when the Richmond-Cerrito branch of the American Association of University Women (AUW) meets on Saturday May 17 at 10 a.m.

Dr. Almeda is the Senior Curator of Botany at the California Academy of Science in San Francisco.

Research interest in flowering plants has taken him on numerous research expeditions to Costa Rica and Panama.

Visitors are welcome to attend the meeting which will be held at El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 El Cerrito Ave., El Cerrito.

Refreshments will be served. Call Miriam Oshiro at 526-1127 for additional information.

# Improvements mapped out for Solano Avenue

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Moving right along with the Solano Avenue Work Program, the City Council held an informational meeting recently on proposed improvements to Albany's landmark pedestrian thoroughfare.

At present, the city is hoping to begin construction in January 1998, and to finish the project by September. While replacing sewer lines on Solano is the main impetus for the work program, the city will also seek to improve everything from street trees to light posts to sidewalks, with a total tab of more than \$2 million.

Improvements listed in a staff report include sewers (\$600,000), storm drains (\$450,000), sidewalks (\$300,000), streetlights (\$323,000) and paving (\$400,000), some of which the city has resources to fund and some of which it does not. The plan will focus on the stretch of Solano between Pomona and San Pablo avenues.

Though the city does have cash in hand for sewers and lights, it is currently seeking a variety of grants for storm drains, sidewalks and paving. According to Community Development Director Bill Ekern, if, for example, funding for sidewalks does not go through, that facet of the project would be done on a "piecemeal" basis over a longer period of time.

### Phasing work

At the meeting, Ekern began by updating the council on the time line for the program, slated to begin next year. Sewer lines that currently run under sidewalks will be moved into the street, he said, an occasion which will allow the city to make lemons into lemonade by performing other improvements while construction is taking place.

**Councilmember Bruce Mast said he has "very high expectations" for the new, brighter street lights proposed for the Avenue.**

Part of the work program will involve gradual phasing out of the current breed of Eucalyptus trees that line the street, which Ekern said are the wrong species. He said the new species will be less invasive and less prone to failure.

### Previous reviews

Assistant Planner Laura Prickett then took over, presenting a series of slides and the results of the eight meetings the city hosted over the last year or so in planning the work program. According to Prickett, while most residents surveyed enjoyed walking on Solano, street furniture got mixed reviews, as did trees, which some felt were too tall and created a dark, gloomy atmosphere in that they blocked out the avenue's street lights.

Street lights received poor reviews, Prickett said, both for the above-mentioned reason and because some are "randomly placed." She showed slides of the type of lights the city is looking at installing, which are much shorter than the current, cobra-head model and have a fluted base and an acorn tip.

"It's a great place, although it could use some improvements," Prickett said.

Ekern then took over, tackling the more thorny issue of how the city will pay for all the projects on its plate. As mentioned in the staff report, the city is pursuing grants from sources ranging from the State and Local Transportation Partnership Program (paving) to Federal Emergency Management Agency (storm drains).

City Administrator Daren Fields

said that, after sewer and lights, which are already funded, the next priority would be paving, which the city would pay for itself if no grant was available. The staff report stated the city received a "positive" response from Caltrans as to the possibility of an STTPP grant.

The cost of storm drain work will be determined to some extent by the upcoming Watershed Management Plan, Fields said (the plan will be completed in November), and might not run as high as the \$450,000 mentioned in the staff report. He listed sewers and lights as the most important projects, and said "Beyond that, financially, it does get a little more problematic."

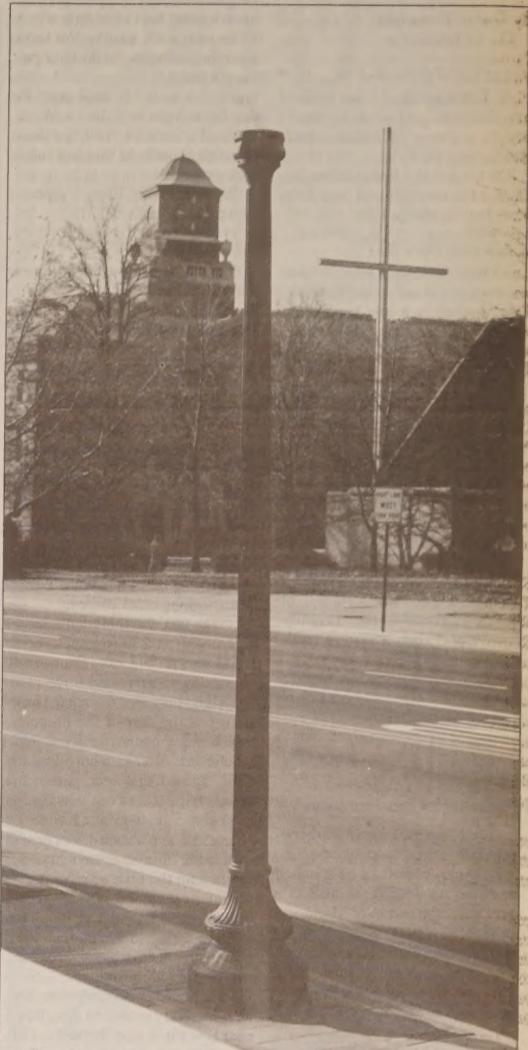
Councilmember Bruce Mast said his overriding concern is that when all was said and done, the city would have a street with good lighting and wider sidewalks. He also mentioned reconfiguring parking, and said he was concerned about trees blocking the Albany Cinema's sign.

Councilmember Jon Ely spoke to the "integral nature" of the work program and of the cost in the future of skipping elements now.

"I just hope it all comes together," said Council member Peggy Thomsen, saying she agreed with Mast and Ely.

As the meeting drew to a close, Fields mentioned the newer, lower lights once again, saying "When the new lights go in, I think people will be very surprised" at how bright they are.

Mast said he has "very high expectations" for those lights, and concluded the meeting by giving the work program a smile and a double thumbs up.



An example of the type of street light proposed for Solano Avenue.

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The event benefits Albany Y youth and adult programs. Details: 525-1130.

### Assemblymember speaking

District 14 Assemblymember Dion Aroner will be the speaker at the May 8 meeting of the West Contra Costa County Group of the Sierra Club, discussing environmental issues facing

the state legislature. The meeting, which will be informal and allow participants to state concerns and ask questions, is at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room of Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury St. in El Cerrito. Details: Debbi Landshoff, 233-9733.

### Rodeo help wanted

Volunteers are being sought to help with the upcoming Bicycle Rodeo, the latest outreach effort by the Albany Police Department. If you can help with this bike safety event scheduled May 17 at Cornell School, call reserve officer George Krebs at 528-5777, ext. 828.

### On the air

Fans of local high school sports will want to check out "Prep Sports Showcase," with host

Marty Lurie and guests Montandon, Peter Mentor, John Gardella, and Bill Krussink of the Hills Newspapers sports staff. The show airs Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on KECG-FM, 88.1. The El Cerrito High School station also airs "Wine and Dine around the Bay with Alan Goldfarb," the noted wine expert, whose column appears in the Hills Newspapers, on Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m.

### EC High Info Night

El Cerrito High School will hold an information night for the El Cerrito community on Thursday, May 8 in the school Cafeteria from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Interested community members may come and tour El Cerrito High School, and ask questions of administrators, teachers, students, and current PTA members.

Details: Allison Syren, 525-0234.

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## Rodeo

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Ave.; Solano Avenue Copy Center, 1185 Solano Ave.; Mail Boxes Etc., 1563 Solano Ave. or El Cerrito Plaza; Albany's Domino's Pizza, 1421 Solano Ave. or Calistoga Mountain Spring Water, 5215 Central Ave.

Drawings will be held throughout the day. The "warning" ticket may be used to purchase a helmet giving a \$5 discount.

Prizes will include the helmets, T-shirts, socks, water bottles, valve stem caps, reflective tape and many other bicycle related items donated by bicycle store owners who care about one's safety. The child's bicycle, donated by Solano Avenue Cyclery, will be given away at 3 p.m. While only children who are Albany residents can win, organizers promise that no participant will walk away empty-handed.

To familiarize the rodeo course, children will do a walk-through before riding their bicycle through. Each participant will have their helmet checked for proper fit and the bicycle inspected making certain it is mechanically sound. A loaner helmet will be provided for those who are not wearing one.

Mechanics will give a bicycle clinic for both children's and parents. Local health professionals will be in attendance to show proper bicycle health. Mail Box Etc. will be on site to finger print children if desired. At noon and 1:30 p.m. members of the 2-Hip Promotions, professional bicyclists, will perform.

### Bicycles are vehicles

The playground will have many bicycle related businesses giving safety handouts. It is important to note that all bicyclists are to obey the State Department of Motor Vehicle's law on bicycling. One must stop at stop signs and never ride down a one-way street going in

the opposite direction. Code reads: A person under the age of 16 shall not operate a bicycle as a vehicle upon a street, highway or roadway in the subdivision (a) or any other public bicycle lane or street, unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened helmet that meets the standards of the American National Standard for Protective Headgear for Children (ANSI Z21.8-1989) or the Memorial Foundation for Safety Protective Headgear for Children.

This requirement applies to a person who rides upon a bicycle while in a retaining wall or towed by the bicycle. No special events for 7th graders. Children living in Albany may participate in bicycle rodeos to win prizes. It is not unusual to see a person wearing a helmet and expensive clothes but not a helmet for head protection for head injuries. Rodeo's focus is to insure the safety of everyone to wear a helmet while bicycling.

A special treat for children's bicycles is the Albany Police Department's day only. The department will be on site to fingerprint children if desired. According to Albany Police, a child is anyone under 18.

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—Fern Luoma

## Vision

Continued from front page which runs from Marin Avenue to Washington, Early said the street, at present, makes it difficult to orient oneself, to know which block is which.

What is needed, Early said, are new trees such as the sycamores that line San Pablo in Berkeley and produce the desired "canopy" effect, as opposed to the "raggedy" liquid ambers that occupy the street now.

He also suggested a median, which would also bear trees, running from Washington to just past Solano, possibly with signs at each end to give the area more definition.

### Commercial reorientation

Other suggestions ran from special light posts, possibly coordinated with new posts to be installed next year on Solano, as well as a new sign at the corner of Marin and San Pablo on the Gill Tract.

As for City Hall, a structure that Early said at a previous meeting does not speak of civic pride, a higher roof would help the building make a "grander statement" as an entryway into the city, he said.

### Local student wins \$1,000 scholarship

Nadia Roan was selected as this year's local winner of the Century Communications annual Community Scholarship competition. She will win a \$1,000 tuition scholarship for the 1997-98 school year, making Century's total scholarship contribution over \$450,000 to date.

"We extend our congratulations to Nadia Roan. The award is well deserved," said Branch Manager Ruby McDaniel.

Roan, one of 71 students nationwide to win a \$1,000 scholarship, was selected for her outstanding academic performance and community service.

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Century Communications encourages local students to apply for next year's Community Scholarship competition. For more information, contact the Century Communications office at 525-9567.

In the private sector, Early suggested two- and three-story mixed-use development, with parking behind the structures as opposed to in front. He showed architect's renderings of new, taller buildings at the city's "one hundred percent corner" (San Pablo and Solano) and in the parking lot of the Town Centre Mall, among other places.

"The fact that this is an open lot in front of (the businesses in the mall) doesn't mean you can really see them," Early said. He challenged participants to name the businesses at the rear of the property, which many had difficulty doing.

Jerome Blank, who owns the mall, agreed that rear parking is better, but pointed out that zoning requirements would have to be changed to allow such development to be built. He also asked where one might find the type of tenants that would occupy the newer, bigger buildings.

According to Early, ideal tenants would be upscale, specialized, "niche-nature" businesses, such as those that currently dominate Solano and the portion of San Pablo near Dwight Way in Berkeley. Fern Luoma, executive director of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, asked if Early was looking to create an atmosphere similar to Solano, to which Early replied in the affirmative, although, "You're never going to have a San Pablo Avenue

Stroll," he said.

Audience suggestions ranged from metallic statues of Native Americans and Spaniards to a "unique" surface at the corner of San Pablo and Solano. Participants for the most part seemed to enjoy the visioning experience, a sentiment summed up by property-owner Herb Baskin, who said, "I think what you're hearing is everybody likes this. This is a wonderful vision."

### Median an obstacle

Blank, however, came out strongly against the median, saying it would impede traffic and make left turns more difficult in going, say, to Beverages and More. One attendee said being able to turn left in the middle of the block was an "archaic" thing. Early said an extra half-block drive would not normally deter him from his destination, and promised to note Blank's objection.

As for Albany's zoning laws, at present a major impediment to more dense development, Planning Manager Gary Patton said the city was moving away from the current "pain and punishment" style zoning to a

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Recently appointed city councilmember Mark Friedman will be the guest speaker for the May 27 Chamber luncheon at the El Cerrito City Club. Members note this is a Tuesday due to the observed Memorial Day holiday on the usual Monday date.

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## just work together, says chief

To fight crime in El Cerrito the police, business and the residential community "need to be on the same team," according to Chief Linda Fellers. In a speech to the Chamber Of commerce at their regular monthly luncheon meeting last week Chief Fellers made it plain she wanted to move in the

direction of "community policing."

"We must," she declared, "work together to identify problems and to solve them. We need to hear from all of you, and we need to talk to each other."

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Presenting Paul Baker, owner/operator of Paul's Shop with his membership plaque is Chamber of Commerce president June Bobbitt (left) and Chamber manager Sewall Glinternick (right).

dark.

"Budget restraints are also a continuous challenge. We're running out of ways to reduce costs without having to lay off staff."

To help her determine what the businesspeople felt needed to be done to improve safety and security here, Chief Fellers passed out copies of a survey which she urged those present to fill out and return to the Police Department.

## A well educated chamber member

Paul's Shop at 10787 San Pablo Ave., one of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's newer members, is owned and operated by a "professor" of car maintenance — a "Ph.D. of auto mechanics."

After years of studying and test-taking, local businessman Paul Baker has earned certification as an Automotive Service Excellence Master

Technician, a rank few in his field have attained so far.

Earning this title was no small achievement. First Baker had to get an ASE Advanced Engine Performance Certificate and then had to study for and pass eight different three-hour tests in various fields of automotive repair — a task which took some three years to complete.

On May 8 he is scheduled to take still another grueling test in order to become one of the very few mechanics certified to work on vehicles powered by natural gas.

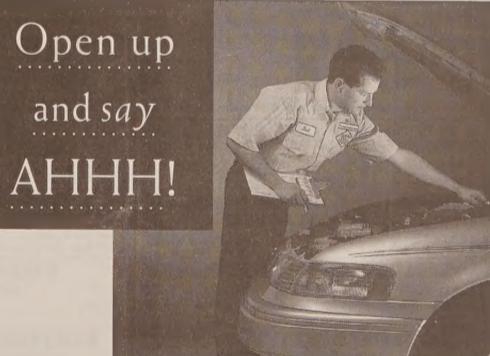
After this latest test, Baker reports he will continue his schooling since — as he puts it: "You have to be a computer expert as well as a good mechanic to work on the newer cars."

"I'm doing all this," Baker explained, "so I'll have the knowledge required to work on all the complicated and sophisticated cars being driven today. Now I have the certificates

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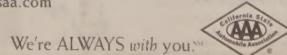


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# Reports

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hypodermic needles. He was apprehended at the corner Carlson and Central Avenue.

At 7 a.m. on April 25, a Kensington male was charged with petty theft for stealing the homeplate and two plates from the bullpen of Cerro Vista Park.

An unlocked bike was taken outside Atlas Liquor on April 26.

At 3 p.m. on April 27, an El Cerrito woman came home to her house on the 300 block of Ramona to find the front window of her home broken.

At 8 a.m. on April 26, a double homicide occurred at the 500 block of South 16th street in Richmond. The suspect, a black male with a goatee, wearing a multicolored shirt, fled in a blue Ford Explorer. Three officers went to the scene to guard the intersection.

A child's bicycle was found abandoned in the shrubbery along the BART path at Potrero April 26.

On April 26, a stolen white 1987 Toyota Camry was abandoned at and then towed from the 5800 block of Cutting Boulevard. The rear speakers were removed.

On April 17, a wheelchair-bound Berkeley man was apprehended in Lucky with a bag full of stolen pain killers.

baskets regularly.

"This food drive is essential to us" says Larry Sly, executive director of the food bank. "The food collected during the holiday food drive is almost exhausted, while the

number of hungry people continues to increase." Most needed food items are canned fruit, vegetables, soap, tuna, rice, peanut butter, baby food, and macaroni and cheese.

For more details call 676-7543.

A Richmond woman who lives on the 6500 block of Canyon Trail reported the burglary of valuable coins, cash and a fur coat. She reported the crime on April 7 and said it was an ongoing problem.

On April 23, a woman reported her belief that a person who goes by a man's name on the Internet is trying to meet underage children and molest them.

On April 19, someone entered the rear fence of a window store and stole the ladders from the rack of a truck. The culprit has not been apprehended.

On April 29, an arrest was made for domestic violence.

A resident on the 100 block of Behrens reported having jewelry and clothes stolen. The thief was reported on April 10, but the resident reported the crime as ongoing.

Two cars were stolen in two days. A stolen green 1993 Saturn SL2 was recovered. It was towed from Tascott Ave the morning of April 27. On April 28, a red 1990 Plymouth Sundance was reported stolen from the 6300 block of Knott Avenue. It was not recovered.

During that same period, on April 28, an attempted vehicle theft was reported. The culprit punctured the ignition while attempting to steal the vehicle.



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# Tenth Celebration of Old Roses is set for May

Heritage Rose Group will present the 10th Celebration of Old Roses on May 18 at the El Cerrito Community Center. The free event is 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Center is on Mosser Lane at Ashbury.

You will see the largest selection of Old Roses (classes prior to the advent of the Hybrid Tea) to be found at any Rose Show. They are also on sale along with companion

plants: lilies, species geraniums, clematis, salvias, many more.

The group also offers rose decorated china, antiques, wreaths, flower jewelry. There will be rose patterned fabric totes, aprons, dresses, tops, skirts, scarves, paper memorabilia, rose flavored cookies, hats with flowers, rose jam, gardening books, greeting cards, calendars, framed prints. Even min-

# Friends of El Cerrito Library annual meeting is May 15

Friends of the El Cerrito Library will hold their 1997 Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 15 at 7:30pm at the El Cerrito Public Library 6510 Stockton St.

Charlene Weir, El Cerrito resident and author of St. Martin's Press bestselling novels "Family Prac-

tice" and "Winter Widow", will regale attendees with "Murder in the Library," a talk about the craft of mystery writing.

"We'll keep the boring stuff short," promises Event Chair Eileen Leon.

Attendees will get brief reports

# Police

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hoop toy from her parking garage A neighbor reported seeing a male adult driving a car who took the toy. Police are investigating.

On the morning of April 30 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night vandals broke into his car parked in the parking garage. There were no witnesses.

A Richmond man and a Hercules woman were charged with possession of a concealed weapon at the intersection of I-80 and Carlson at 12:10 a.m. on April 29.

On the evening of May 2 two

residents on the 500 block of Pomona Avenue reported that approximately seven Albany High School boys were harassing them by throwing things at them and trying to run them down with their bikes. Officers responded but they boys were gone when officers arrived. One boy was identified and officers will investigate.

On the evening of May 2 a resident on the 1200 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that while jogging past Cornell School some juveniles on the roof threw rocks at him. He thinks the youths may have had a sling-shot. Officers checked the area with no results.

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During the week of May 12 officers fingerprinted 100 residents. Upon their request, towed vehicles responded to 22 false alarms. They attended to four lost or found animals, assisted seven people who had locked out of their homes, responded to five reported fires, and 15 medical emergencies.

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## Railroads put writer on track to Cordonices Village history

It was Warren Lee's great interest in railroads that led to present activity, writing the history of Cordonices Village in May.

I know. It is hardly a direct relationship. We will try to trace Lee has always been interested in railroads. In fact, he has written two books on the Southern Pacific Railroad, the Seaboard-Delaware Railway, which is part of the Pennsylvania Railroad System, including the community it serves and about the Delaware River Valley. So, when he came here — initially because his son went to school at UC Berkeley in 1939 and 40 — he became interested in the Richmond Shipyards Railroad, which, for the most part was used to transfer workers from San Francisco, Emeryville and to the Richmond Shipyards. It was in use from

January 1943 until September 1945.

And, as is usual with him, his interests spread. Since that railroad went right through the Village, and he was living in the Village at the time, the 98 trains a day that went along the Southern Pacific Railroad to Richmond and the shipyards led him to a greater interest in World War II in this area. And then the thought: why not consider the Village as an entity and deal with the Village? See? A perfectly understandable progression, at least if you have an active, creative mind.

Cordonices Village had its inception in 1943, was built in 1944 and its first occupant in May, 1944 which, Lee decided, was a good place to start. He has divided the history into three parts: World War II, from about 1943 - 46, which

included the shipyard period; Veterans period, when the veterans came back from WWII and occupied much of the Village, as well as public housing elsewhere, which took care of the '50s; and when UC took over because of scarce housing for the students.

And he widened his interest to include the surrounding community. Speaking of the Village itself, he included such things as Halloween parades and Christmas parties, but included larger things that certainly affected the Village, such as the building of the Albany Civic Center, the overpass over the Southern Pacific Railroad, and so forth, mixing them deliberately in 'tableau de vie.' "This is the way life is," he says, "You experience what is insignificant to other people, but is significant to you, plus the

larger, more generally significant matters." And he adds, "A purist would not agree with this, those who think things have to be placed in context. Urban historians, for instance, would not like this method."

Lee feels his book will become a "sort of a handbook that people will pick up, drop, pick up and drop. It is written that way. It will save a lot of time for future antiquarians. They can find subjects by looking at my tests. I will have extensive footnotes and an extensive index, which will help historians and people who want to investigate happenings in the area."

The book is finished, but has to be validated. Lee went through his manuscript with me, pointing out the sections and what they covered, the pictures, graphics and tables. He spoke of

### Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



the extensive research which included libraries, documents, places such as the Richmond Museum, which, he says, was a great help to him, and government offices.

In his attention to detail, he includes the areas that effect the Village, such as the Navy housing at Kula Gulf and Savio Island; Albany Hill and the shoreline; the railroads, the race track, the UC biology Lab, and other things which impinge upon the village.

And in Cordonices, itself, the problems of children's safety, recreation, and life itself. He noted that it was mostly directed and led by women. The village was very active, therefore, in providing recreation to children and teens. Peter Pan was a club for the little ones, while Lucky 13 was a teenage club. And he notes the similarity between the early days and now. What they want now they wanted in prior times. And, of course, transportation: to the Richmond Shipyards to the UC Campus.

And he brings it up to date with such items as the fact that the village is slated to be torn down in 1998, so this will be the only history available.

Warren Lee, presently a resident in Cordonices Village, is raising two of his grandchildren, which of course entails PTA, trips to amusement parks, and so forth. "They have probably extended my life for about 10 years," he smiles. The only problem is trying to write in extended blocks of time. He can't be away for prolonged periods of time, so that his field work is limited. Altogether Lee has eight children and 12 to 15 grandchildren.

"I was born amidst confusion and lived amidst confusion," he says. He was born in Delaware Valley and raised in Philipburg, New Jersey. "I was there when the Hindenburg blew up. That made such an impression upon me."

He attended Shreveham

University in England, just after the war, having been there as a soldier (he had been in the Rhine Campaign). He earned his BA from Lafayette College in Eastern Pennsylvania, and his MA from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and engineering school. His Ph.D. in History and Political Science was earned at the University of New Mexico. He was in college administration and teaching from 1951 for about 30 to 40 years, at the College of Santa Fe and the University of Albuquerque, where he was also Dean of Students. In this area he has taught at Mare Island and Alameda, has acted as director of the children's center in Cordonices, and other activities.

He teaches part time now as an adjunct professor at Chapman University at the center in Concord, teaching Russian and Chinese history. He is also writing another book, *Down Along the Old Bell Del* about an extremely important bridge route that carried freight and passengers around New York and into New England.

His history of Cordonices Villages, he says, is "curiosity turned into history." And he adds, "in this little bedroom community you find things that you wouldn't find in urban communities of several thousand."

His curiosity, and his many interests are a plus for the people who will find his book a valuable and essential part of the area's history.

Thank you, Ronnie Davis, for suggesting Warren Lee to me. It was sheer fun, and I learned so much about my own area.

As usual, I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 557 Pierce St., #443, Albany, 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is cgenser@aol.com.

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## From the Mayor's Desk

# Updating progress of San Pablo Avenue development projects

EL CERRITO - In my travels around town and in telephone conversations with constituents, I often hear questions such as "What is happening at the Plaza," "What's the status of the theater project at Del Norte," etc.

In this column I'd like to highlight some of the projects underway or in progress along San Pablo, the commercial heart of El Cerrito.

El Cerrito Plaza is as close as El Cerrito comes to a downtown. When completed, the revitalization of the Plaza may, in fact, create a downtown and put a there there in El Cerrito. With the closure of the Emporium and increased vacancies, the Plaza is experiencing difficulty

attracting shoppers in today's competitive retail market.

Following a number of community participation meetings where people gathered to envision a revitalized center, a solicitation for development proposals went out. After reviewing the seven proposals received, the we selected Wilton/Terranomics to redevelop and revitalize the Plaza.

Their proposal, finetuned again by meetings with the public, is for a retail center with major retail anchor stores, smaller specialty shops and restaurants, and market-rate condominiums. The new center will overlay streets on the Plaza site with a plaza/green space in the center,

creating the feeling of a downtown. The plan includes retaining and upgrading some of the existing small shops and Longs, and adding new buildings.

An additional part of the revitalization is restoration of Cerrito Creek, which forms the southern boundary of the Plaza, the city and the county.

A garage, funded in part from Measure C (half-cent sales tax monies) will also be a part of the development and will be located in the northeast section of the site across the street from BART.

An agreement will be worked out with BART to allow shopping center patrons to use the garage in the evenings and on weekends. An environmental impact report is

currently being prepared and a disposition and development agreement is being negotiated with the development team. The DDA will spell such project specifics as schedules, tenant types, phasing (if necessary) and financial considerations. The EIR will be completed and available for public review in May.

### Elsewhere on San Pablo

Travelling north on San Pablo Avenue, we come to the Idaho Motel. Rubicon, a respected nonprofit in Richmond, bought the motel and will be rehabilitating it into 28 affordable housing units for low-income, disabled persons.

Rubicon provides counseling and job training and employs its landscape maintenance and bakery business to provide hands-on job skills development for its clients. Rubicon will have on-site training and assistance programs to promote the quality of life for its residents.

This housing development joins several other successful ones operated by Rubicon in West County.

Following final design approvals, the project is expected to be under construction by June.

### Del Norte area

In the Del Norte area we will soon see several shops added adjacent to the FoodsCo, filling in the space along San Pablo up to Church's Chicken. The Del Norte Marketplace project will include a Staples office supply store, a Walgreens drug store, and a Pep Boys automotive supply and service center.

After many unsuccessful

attempts by other developers and several years of searching for willing retailers, we expect Pacific Development Group to break ground later this year.

Across the street at the Del Norte BART Station and the former Mayfair Market site, a mixed-use development of multi-family housing and retail shops, along with a multi-screen movie theater is proposed.

The portion of the project proposed for the BART parking lot in front of the station would incorporate a below-ground parking structure to replace the parking taken up by the mixed-use development.

This project uses the BART station as a catalyst for retail activity, provides easy access via BART and local transit: AC and Vallejo transit, WESTCAT and Golden Gate Transit. Living adjacent to the transit hub provides easy access for residents of the on-site housing to Bay Area jobs.

The retail shops and restaurants will also be a plus for the residents living in the housing at the station as well as residents in the surrounding neighborhood who would be able to walk to the shops and restaurants. Done well, the Del Norte BART Station mixed-use development could create a vibrant neighborhood for the north end of town to complement the Plaza development on the south end.

## The EIR for the El Cerrito Plaza will be completed and available for public review in May

came to the city and proposal to replace store with new, larger reoriented in El Cerrito.

Part of the project include restoration of Creek, something the city has been seeking as part of the development project to the creek and the Gateway's northern end. The feasibility of this is currently being evaluated, if an acceptable agreement is reached, a new project will begin to move site in 1998.

Although the city has many projects planned along San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito. Each one is designed to change the competitive Avenue. Hopefully, the will be measured in the improved vitality of the businesses and the ability for El Cerrito to locally.

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## Chamber

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that prove I can do what I say I can do."

While the certification process is still new and there very few Master Technicians around, Baker reports the system is coming into its own.

"Major auto manufacturers are now urging their new car customers to rely on mechanics with certification," he says.

Baker is a veteran on the local automotive repair scene, having opened his first shop on San Pablo Avenue in 1972. Three years later he moved his shop three feet next door to its present location.

"I got into this business in the first place," he explains, "because it was fun and I needed something to do. I figured it would be an accomplishment if I could keep the business going for a couple of years. Here it is now 25 years later and I'm serving my third generation of customers."

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tune-ups, lube and oil changes, as well as fuel injection and brake work.

Paul's Shop is also an official AAA-approved repair station and a certified California Smog Station.

Assisting Baker is Pete Graham, who is also an ASE certified mechanic himself. Before joining Paul's Shop staff Graham spent 16 years as mechanic at a Shell Station in El Cerrito.

Because of limited space, a two-man staff and the fact the high quality of the work attracts customers from as far away as Fremont, those whose cars need work must make reservations by telephoning 526-1449.

Not only does Baker do business here, he is also devoted to this community. A member of the El Cerrito Police Reserve for the last 18 years, he proudly declares: "I love El Cerrito. I don't know of any place I'd rather be."

Baker is a resident of Richmond Annex, where he lives with his wife, Jamiya, and son,

Ismail. He also has two grown children, Mark and Mindy, and three grandchildren. Two brothers, Fred and Matthew, live in West County and a sister, Alexis, resides in Seattle.

Baker's mother, Evelyn, lives in Richmond Annex and is an active member of St. John the Baptist Church.

### Chamber honors Captain Bruce Nelson

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce last week presented Police Captain Bruce Nelson with a certificate of appreciation honoring him for him for his "30 years of outstanding service to the business community."

The award was one of many honors paid the local police officer by El Cerrito groups, regional law enforcement agencies and state officials at a retirement dinner held last Friday at the Richmond Country Club.

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# ix West County teachers honored

up the recent West School Watch piece on Ojeda, winner of the Ed. Distinguished Citizen Award here is further information, and by **Donna Sidel Straus**, on winners of this year's teaching awards.

achers in the West Contra Unified School District will this year's Teaching Excellence Awards sponsored by the Ed. West County Public Education Fund. The honorees are: **Patricia Carol Butcher**, **Rosemary Player**, **Patricia Maudlin**, **Patricia Romeo**, and **Jerroll**

achers will be recognized May 16 at The Ed. Fund's Teaching Excellence Awards. The award winners represent a diverse array of subjects, special interests and personalities, share a love of teaching and a concern for the young people educate.

**Patricia Burke** works with disabled students at Adult School. She is truly dedicated to the mainstreaming of her students, and spends a great deal of time helping other teachers adapt to students' special needs. Her goal is full acceptance of her special students within the school. This was realized this year when one disabled student was elected to the Adams Middle School Student Government Committee.

**Rosemary Maudlin**, promotes students at Stege Elementary with more than just academic education. According to those who work with her, Ms. Maudlin's methods and consideration of her students' strong sense of team and a desire to set and personal goals. Working with

students and their parents, her attention to each child's individual needs has made her a key part of their success.

**Jerroll Scheidt**, a biology and chemistry teacher at Richmond High School, has the distinction of having been nominated for this award by one of his students. This sophomore biology student cited Mr. Scheidt's love of his subject and interesting teaching methods as the keys that motivate his students to want to learn more. His dedication to his students and to Richmond High School both encourage and inspire Mr. Scheidt's pupils.

**Carol Butcher**, Hanna Ranch Elementary School, goes above and beyond the requirements of her fifth grade teaching assignments by running after school study groups for her students twice a week. In addition, she combines her love of music and teaching by providing musical guidance for student clarinet players once a week after school.

From Adult School student to Adult School teacher, **Marialyne Romeo**, currently a business and accounting teacher at El Cerrito High School, had an unusual journey to the blackboard. She began her career with the district as a clerical worker and cashier at Richmond High School while working toward her teaching credential at night. For the past 17 years, she has taught in the district and contributed greatly to her students' readiness for the workplace. She is currently an active member of the El Cerrito High School Staff Development Committee.

**Patricia Player**, though in her last year of teaching before retirement, is as involved with her students today as ever. She is currently serving as the Pinole Valley High School senior class sponsor and running the school's "Spartan Cafe." Her students respect her teaching so much that

several have asked her to delay retirement until they could take her nutrition and government classes. Much beloved by her students, she is a role model for new teachers in the district for her educational methods and her personal involvement.

These six teachers all bring tremendous commitment to their work, embodying the noblest virtues of today's educators. Their dedication and concern for their students truly make them outstanding in their field.

Each teacher will receive a monetary award of \$500 at the banquet. The awards are sponsored by six area businesses including Berlex Biosciences and Mechanics Bank. Also recognized at the Banquet are citizens and businesses in the community who have made extraordinary contributions to local education.

More than 500 people attended last year's banquet at the Richmond Convention Center to recognize some of the exemplary individuals and businesses who make education meaningful, enjoyable and exciting for our young people. For information about this year's banquet, scheduled for May 16th, or to purchase tickets for the event call the Ed. Fund at 233-1464.

## Public Education Forum changes venue

The next Alliance for Public Education forum will be held Saturday, May 17 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Contra Costa College in room LA 100. The event will be part of the day long Increase the Peace annual conference. The Alliance forum will focus on the impact of welfare reform on our children and schools and feature as speakers State Assemblywoman **Dion Aroner**; **Kate Ertz-Berger**, executive director of the Contra Costa Child Care Council; **Rene Carranza**, principal of Verde Elementary School; **Taalia Hasan**,



## West County School Watch

By Glen Price

executive director of the Youth Services Bureau; and **John Cullen**, director of social services for Contra Costa County. Admission is free and open to the public.

## Portola Community Day

Portola Middle School has announced its first annual "Portola Community Day" set for Sunday, May 18. At 2 p.m. the Portola Girls and Boys will challenge the Men and Women faculty to a basketball game. Following the game two of the area's hottest rhythm and blues and rock bands will hit the Portola stage. First up will be the Blues Daddies at 3:30 p.m. and the Free Agents will perform at 5 p.m. Tours of Portola classrooms and facilities led by Portola students will depart from the concert area at regular intervals. The event is a benefit for the Portola Middle School PTA and tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for students and seniors.

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## Albany PTA Council News

### By Belinda Lum

If there is a school-related event you would like to add/correct here, call Belinda Lum at 528-2429 or Email: [Robert-Marshall@msn.com](mailto:Robert-Marshall@msn.com)

Special events, newsletters, and much more about AHS and AMS can be accessed at the following Web sites:

AHS Web Site: <http://www.citynight.com/ahs>

AMS Web Site: <http://www.dnai.com/~amscobra>

### Thursday, May 8

7-8 p.m., Vista and MacGregor Schools

Vista School Open House

MacGregor School Open House

6:30 p.m., AHS Room 128

Topic: Community meeting for discussion of issues of concern to the surrounding neighborhood due to high school construction work.

7 p.m., Marin Multi-use room

Marin PTA Meeting

Contact: Sandy Bender, 528-2385

### Monday, May 12

7:15 p.m., AHS Library

AHS PTA Meeting

Topic: High school relocation

Contact: Sarah Samonsky, 524-1754

### Tuesday, May 13

7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-use room

Board of Education Meeting

Topic: Agenda available at AUSD Office

7:30 p.m., AMS Room 51

AMS Parent Support Group

This group is an informal gathering of parents or adolescents sharing concerns, questions, reassurances, and solutions.

### Wednesday, May 21

7 p.m., AUSD Office

Parent/Superintendent Council Meeting

Topic: Agenda available at ASUD Office

Contact: Your school PTA President

### Tuesday, May 27

7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-use room

Board of Education Meeting

Topic: Agenda available at ASUD Office

### Thursday, May 29

7 p.m., AMS Library

AMS PTA Meeting

Topic: Welcome the new PTA officers for 1997-98



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## Now comes a wine 'zine for Xers

Smashing Pumpkins is not blaring from the stereo. I think it was some late-'70s band that was filling Darryl Roberts' tiny office-cum-bedroom on a bucolic lane in the Santa Rosa countryside. There were even horses grazing outside, for goodness sake.

It's not at all what one might expect world headquarters of the soon-to-be launched Wine X Magazine to be like. But Generation X — that much-maligned group of individuals thought to be a "classless class", is growing up.

Consider that the 34-year-old Roberts, who very shortly may become one of the spokespersons of that generation — at least among those who drink wine (and there are not

many, which is the whole point)

— is approaching the upper age limit to even be considered an Xer himself.

Nevertheless, Roberts is a hard-working entrepreneur, who usually puts in 14-hour days. He has identified a niche in wine — a gaping hole really — which he and others are scrambling to quickly fill.

Because Gen Xers — those who were born between 1965 and '76 — have been labeled with such terms as "slackers" the American wine industry has ignored them.



The Wine File

### ■ ALAN GOLDFARB

might think sexist, but it doesn't tell me what the wine is like. But what do I know. Roberts had to tell me who Pamela Anderson is or was. The publisher, who used to write scripts in Hollywood, has the advantage of youth and idealism, which is why Wine X could fly.

He's got 40 million people between the ages of 21 and 36 out

there who are drinking single-malt scotches, craft-brewed beers, and smoking expensive cigars. They have money, they are discriminating, and they have a penchant for material possessions — albeit goods of quality and substance.

Wine fits that category, as does Wine X

Magazine.

Roberts could become the Jann Wenner of wine. Although he naively and idly insists that he'll always try and think like a 21-year-old, like Rolling Stone Magazine's Wenner, he too will soon be too old for the generation to whom he's trying to address.

There will be a rare organic wine tasting to benefit the Green Party of Alameda County, June 21 from 5-8:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Unitarian Fellowship, 1606 Bonita. Tickets are \$10-30, sliding scale. For more information call 644-2293.

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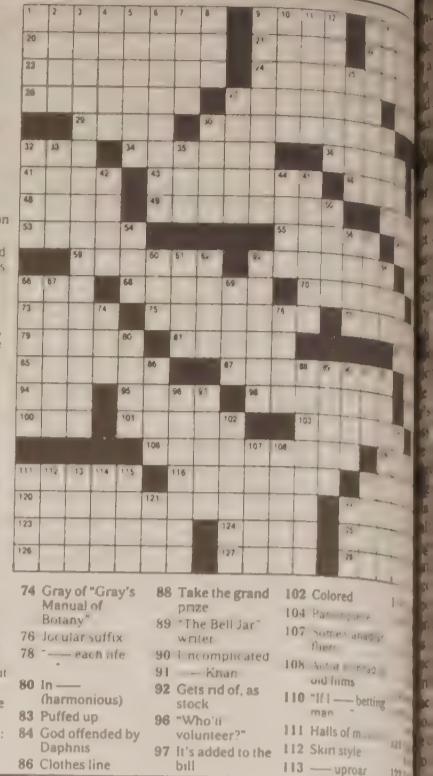
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### Berkeley Repertory announces new season

Berkeley Repertory Theater artistic director Sharon Ott says the 1997-1998 season will include an "eclectic" mix of performances under the direction of new artistic director Tony Taccone.

Ott announced today that the 30th anniversary season will begin in September with David Elgar's revolutionary drama "Pentecost."

The season will also include the world premiere of Danny Hoch's "Evolution of a Homeboy/Locked Down." And the Latino comedy group Culture Clash will perform a new adaptation of Aristophanes' classic "The Birds."

Other dramas to grace the stage will be "The Heiress" adapted from Henry James' "Washington

Square," Athol Fugard's "Valley Song," the world premiere of "Yohen" by Philip Kan Gotanda and David Hare's "Skylight."

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the cost of moving the storm drain line at the middle school to allow for the addition of facilities that would make most of the remaining space at that 5.2 acre (not 16 as the writer claims) site.

## Facilities

How does the writer think the school could afford to build this new classroom elementary school? Provide for construction at the middle school when she thinks the district has the funds to build a 26 classroom middle school alone? Actually, the plan for the new school, contrary to the writer's belief, does not call for a new middle school, but the old, including the temporary portables, has one classroom less. This figure will be arrived at by counting the old middle school room as a classroom. If you count the stage as a room, the new campus will have half classroom more as larger, and better science, music, art, and technology facilities than the current campus does or would have.

The district is addressing the need to provide for seismically safe facilities in two ways. This summer, 90 percent of seismic retrofitting of the roof and floor diaphragms at Elementary School will be completed. The remainder of will be completed the following year. The district has also received state funds to share the costs of this work.

Finally, the district is on the Division of the Architect's review of the seismic report on Albany school. The district's engineer has completed his study of AHS, the architect has, as reports of caused by the Northridge earthquake have come in, ratcheted up the demands for seismic safety. This has taken a project, which was

originally expected to cost \$2 million (10 percent of the cost of the building) to a cost in excess of 75 percent of the cost of the buildings (main and gym). In any event, whether retrofit or reconstruction is called for, our students will have to be out of the buildings for a substantial length of time.

## Interim class facilities

To this end, the district has been on a planning course which would provide for temporary facilities beginning this September. The district is doing so as to be prepared if the state architect's review indicates that high school students should not be in the building come this fall. If the review does not indicate such action is necessary then the district will have achieved some necessary and useful planning for the time when it will be necessary to vacate the buildings. If, however, it is necessary to vacate the building by this fall, the district will be able to provide the necessary facilities to provide and equal or better academic program for our students.

The plan calls for placing more portable classrooms adjacent to the pool and on the tennis courts at Memorial Park so the students will be able to use the little theater and shop buildings.

This area was chosen so as to be able to maintain as many school programs (music, art, library, drama, photography) and retain as much of the school community feel as possible.

On the one hand there is the dread of the disruption the construction will cause, while on the other there is the desire to see that our children are provided good, safe school facilities. The district also understands that those with the greatest interest are those neighbors living the closest, within 300 feet or a half block of the sites, because of the material short term impact the disruption will have on their property values.

The district is committed to ensuring that the actions of its staff and contractors cause the least disruption possible. When all is said and done, Albany will have school facilities which are safe and provide for the highest level of educational opportunity for our children, a goal we all hope to reach.

Additionally, the cost of providing temporary facilities at the proposed location has the minimum disruption of parking or traffic patterns, as well as costing

approximately 50 percent less.

## Financing aspects

To financially afford all that the district needs to do, the district is going to have to receive financial assistance from the state, no matter what plan we follow. The district has applied for funding to modernize Cornell School and the shop and Little Theater buildings at the high school, growth funding for construction of the new middle school, and is preparing applications for funding to refit or replace the high school. All of these applications will require a 50 percent match in local funds. The district expects to expand the \$31.6 million approved in 1993 by \$11 to \$15 million in state funds.

To suggest, as one writer did, that the district is practicing the type of "creative financing" which led the Richmond district to bankruptcy, is the sleaziest form of innuendo and scare mongering. Richmond went bankrupt because it spent money it didn't have nor had received any approval of getting. The Albany District will not spend any funds which it does not have or has received complete approval of getting from the state.

The district understands the conflicts which these construction plans present to those who live in the neighboring areas.

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# Response

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school, as the teachers proposed three years ago, sounds like a very cost-effective space solution.

There are too many deficits in the new middle school design to list here but, by way of example, the new middle school will gut the successful format used by the French teacher to motivate and teach her new students.

The new middle school would have three fewer classrooms, forcing the French teacher and five other teachers to "rove" through several different classrooms during the school day.

While that seems like no big deal on the face of it, AMS language teacher Donna Donohue pointed out the hardship to us at April's AMS open house.

Literally pointed out.

Ms. Donohue pointed her finger around to the four walls, and to the desks in her classroom. They were covered with an abundance of her students' assignments.

They were beautifully creative foreign language projects, all designed to stimulate middle school students' desire to speak and to write French.

Surrounded by their own and their peers' French creations, the motivation to learn is very effective.

Our first two children have had the good fortune to have Ms. Donohue for their foreign language teacher, and consequently love learning French. Ms. Donohue knows what she's doing.

"All this will be gone," Ms. Donohue told us.

"As a roving teacher, I will have no permanent classroom, so what you see here can't exist anymore."

2. Build a small elementary school at the Hill Lumber site.

3. Raze and rebuild the dangerously unsafe portions of Albany High School immediately.

Valerie Cheasty

## More discussion, review needed

When a school board assumes prerogatives affecting the normal life of its citizens, the latter are entitled to input rather than remain irrelevant in the face of projects where their tax dollars are involved and their peace

disrupted.

Maybe some of us have grown a bit tired of this continued strife in Albany, often stemming from autocratic decisions from the superintendent on down. Year after year some names keep bouncing back as in a game of musical chairs, but consensus is lacking. We breathe a climate of rancor and innuendo, where even the mayor cannot voice an opinion without imputations of an "agenda." It's all quite regrettable.

The much-touted greatness of the Albany Schools seems to be the myth carrying this often unchecked exercise of a mandate — I notice in the recently published statewide ranking of high schools, Albany did not capture any headlines. Just about average.

That the use of Memorial Park may be lost to its citizens because of improvisation or folly may well point to want of competence. In view of the questioned and questionable wisdom of these projects, it would seem advisable to put them on hold and proceed with dispassionate, rational, and consensus review both of their financial and civic impact.

And the best interest of all Albany citizens, and not just the school board should be considered. It's about time!

Jed M. Williams

## A better use for school properties

I pose these questions to the residents and parents in our community:

Why would we want to put our high schoolers in the middle of a demolition/construction zone when we could situate the portables on the quieter and safer Hill Lumber site and keep Memorial Park open for all residents of Albany including the children?

Why would we want to build a middle school which has less space in and out than the current middle school? Wouldn't it be a better use of resources to add on to the middle school we have and use the Hill Lumber site for a new elementary school?

Why would we want to take our limited school properties, i.e. Vista on Jackson and MacGregor on San Gabriel, and sell them to

low income housing developers when we could trade the properties with the city for additional space at the current middle school, and/or sell them outright to the city, seeing that they've got a new mandate for open space purchases, and/or keep them for future academic expansion purposes?

Our housing values are tied to the quality of our school system, which includes the intelligent execution of expansion and renovation plans over the next three to five years and longer. I'm writing this letter because I know we as a community can do better than the half-baked plan currently on the table.

Lynne Stephens

## Plan's unresolved questions

A few years ago when I voted "yes" on a ballot measure for Albany schools I did so because I was in favor of improved facilities for our students.

Now I seriously question whether the current plans for the new middle school will actually be an improvement. There are a number of issues that are of great concern to me.

1. The site: Is the Hill Lumber site really an appropriate location for a middle school? It is far from optimum to have middle school students so close to the high school, and sharing the Cougar Field facilities would only make it worse.

Nor, can I imagine, do the neighbors in the area look forward to the greatly increased student population and the increase in already troublesome problems of traffic, noise, litter, etc. And what about the Teen Center? Of what use is a center designed for middle school students when it is not located in proximity to the middle school?

2. The "take-aways:" Many of the features originally in the design for the new school are no longer in the plan. While some features could be argued "unnecessary luxuries," I do not feel that lockers, classroom sinks, and air-conditioning are unnecessary. (I am particularly dismayed over the cancellation of the air-conditioning — how does our school board think a teacher

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can do a good job on a hot day, windows open and BART trains thundering by?"

Lacking these items and others, the new school will NOT be an improvement over the existing facilities.

3. The funding: I certainly am no accounting expert, but it is obvious there is not enough money to fund both the high school seismic renovations and a new middle school. It seems that some school board members are saying, "Let's spend all our money on the middle school so we look broke, then the government will have to give us more for the high school work."

That is some of the most irresponsible thinking I've encountered in a long time. Obviously, the safety of the high school should be our first priority, and if there's not enough money for a new middle school after that, let's think about some other options. I for one would strongly endorse a plan for expansion at the current middle school site.

4. The school board: Here is my biggest concern. Judging from the statements made by board members in last week's Journal article, they have made up their minds and are refusing to listen to other opinions, even in the face of the new developments concerning the high school and the objections of many middle school teachers.

This stubborn refusal to consider other options is extremely dismaying. If, as some school board members have suggested, no one has objected to the current plans, then how do they explain the recent lengthy letter signed by 37 of the middle school teachers? How can the board ignore the opinion of their most important resource? Am I too naive to still believe that elected officials are supposed to hear all concerns and cooperate with other government bodies?

The final decision on the middle school will have an enormous long-term effect. I urge the school board to think long and hard about whether insisting on its current plans really will provide the best for the teachers, students and citizens of Albany.

Marianne Callum

### District can't do both

I know it is difficult for a governmental body to admit error, but the time has come. The Albany school board and Superintendent Hudson have been pursuing an untenable course in the past few years, and it is time they acknowledge it.

There is simply not enough money to both rebuild the high school and build a new middle school.

I couldn't believe it when I read in last week's *Journal* that the Board's strategy was to force Albany's high school students onto the street — or, rather onto the tennis courts — for their lessons, in order to better make the school district's case to receive funds from a state bond issue that hasn't even passed as yet! This is insane fiscal policy. We have the example of a certain school district just next door that went bankrupt from its grandiose plans. Are we next?

The present middle school site is perfect for a middle school: There's plenty of space for expansion and for the students to be themselves without disturbing anyone, and the school itself is beautiful and well designed for its purpose.

On the other hand, the very isolation that makes this site perfect for a middle school makes it a poor site for an elementary school.

Every child, except those living in Albany Village, will have to cross either San Pablo or Buchanan Avenue and most will have to cross both to get to school. As a result of the location and distance from most families' homes, most children attending there will probably need to

be driven or bussed to school.

As has already been pointed out, the lumber yard is the more suitable site for an elementary school, both in terms of location and size.

I agree with Mayor Good and others who have proposed that temporary buildings be placed in the lumber yard for the students while the high school is under reconstruction.

Then, the second priority is expanding and modernizing the current middle school.

Given that construction projects always cost more than budgeted, these two projects will almost certainly exhaust the currently available resources. Then, when new sources of funds become available, an elementary school can be built on the lumber yard site.

Besides the practical and financial difficulties with the present course of action, there is also a problem of credibility. We voted for a bond measure to retrofit and modernize our schools.

The school board should do what it said it was going to do with the money — especially since that also makes the most sense. If it doesn't, it needs to consider what it will be up against the next time it asks us to vote money for the schools.

Sonda Beal

### Board is indifferent

Your April 24 issue contained a letter penned by three persons expounding the need for community feelings and unity on the subject of the Albany H.S. demolition project.

Their contribution to unity was a low punch attack on Mayor

Robert Good, accused of harboring devious designs in recommending that the portables to be used to house "the kids" be placed on the former Hill Lumber property area now owned by the School Board. The fact that part — if not all — of Memorial Park will be lost to Albany citizens seemed to concern the letter signators not in the least.

But the truth of the matter is that all neighbors of Memorial Park will be inconvenienced for heaven knows how long. And those on the Thousand Oaks side in particular, will live in hell amidst the knocking, the hammering, the blocking and the heavy equipment.

And they know because they went through it quite recently when a massive and long drawn elevator shaft was completed. Which will no doubt be now flattened.

This now PC expression of "for the sake of the kids" is liberally used to disarm any opposing idea, regardless. Under no circumstance are we to inconvenience these kids.

But of course many of them inconvenience us daily by smoking or even drinking at our doorstep — and never, ever using a trash bin. And on Homecoming Week they spatter our cars and sidewalks with eggs.

The overall attitude of the school board and of the AHS as perceived by many of its neighbors is one of indifference. And yet our taxes help to pay their way.

Martin Willens

### Don't stonewall

We wrote to you several weeks ago regarding the proposed new Albany Middle School project. The letter, published in the *Journal*, generated a great deal of comment, with many residents and teachers expressing their support of our position opposing the project. We even received a call from a school board member who was concerned enough to try to explain the Board's point of view on moving forward with the project. While we appreciated the call, we feel moved to write again to voice our strong opposition to the Board's actions on this matter.

Despite the Board's wishful thinking to the contrary, the new Middle School will have fewer classrooms, less teacher — supportive spaces, inadequate lunch facilities, inadequate interior finishes, no bleachers in the new gym, and a site 70 percent smaller than the current one. In addition, the actual logistics of sharing Cougar Field are unclear, and the overall impact of locating 700+ young teens within two blocks of the high school has not been considered.

Perhaps most distressing, the Board is prepared to break ground for this facility without ensuring there are sufficient funds to pay for seismic retrofitting of the high school! While there may now be a "budget" for both projects, it depends heavily on receiving state grant funds that have not been approved or even yet considered.

Because we believe so strongly that the new Albany Middle

School should not currently propose to offer our to the School Board with an alternative to its current site. We are practicing professionals in the field of urban estate development and consulting agencies and organizations. We understand developer land use, zoning, decision-making, budgeting and agencies.

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However, we have money and time minor compared and time and the Board to the project in the years, only to end inadequate facility our community's decades to come.

The School Board history of stonewalling and education in Albany. Please do not stone the new school before it ruins the quality of the children of Albany. Janet and Michael

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"1492: Two Worlds of Science;" explores European and Native American science and technology at the time of Columbus' voyage through activities with number systems, navigation tools, map making, computer games and a replica of the rocking deck of the Nina.

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### Classes

May 8 Prevent and overcome repetitive strain injury: Albany Adult School, Albany High, room 128, 655 Keyroute 6:45 - 9:15 p.m. Please preregister. \$11 fee.

### May 13

Public Access Television Orientation: 6:30 p.m.; A chance for Berkeley residents to find out how to use the resources at Berkeley's Public Access Television Center. Orientation is free, \$25 membership fee covers six hour video classes. Express Studio class on May 29 teaches how to take calls, show video and interview a guest with no crew. \$10 fee; Berkeley Community Media, Rick Sylvain, 848-2288.

### May 14

Class for Internet Beginners; 7 - 9 p.m.; Internet Service Provider and CyberCoach Larry Loebig will teach an informative and entertaining two hour session featuring hands on learning experience; 330 41st St., Oakland/ 658-2177 x. 8122 for reservations.

### Ongoing

Tribal Bellydance classes with "Luna" at No Sweat, 1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley 528-1958, every Tuesday & Thursday at 7:45 p.m., Saturday at 4:30 p.m. \$7 fee.

### Community Events

#### May 8

Solo Sea Kayak Expedition: 7 p.m.; Leigh Moorhouse discusses her five month, 2,100 mile kayak journey to raise \$100,000 for the Breast Cancer fund, REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 527-4140, x. 208.

Drop-in Support Group for job seekers and career changers; offered by

for participants; public service and health agencies; HIV/STD testing, education, and prevention; entertainment, kids games and rides; between Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Castro in Oakland; 834-8181 for information.

FREE; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Family Resources for Educational and Economic Empowerment Conference; to brief low-income parents about opportunities that will help them get off welfare and out of poverty; Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union Building; Bancroft and Telegraph; 466-5433.

Franklin School PTA Annual Carnival: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; petting zoo, children's rummage sale, silent auction, quilt raffle, Mother's Day gift booth, great Mexican

May 14; Hallway Clothing \$1 sale from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

May 15; Stagebridge Theatre Live Dramatic Preview of "Sex, Love & Growing Older" at 12 p.m.

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### Kensington 55+ Activity Center

May 8; Planet Earth, Dahlia Miller tells of her experiences in the Ecuadorian Rainforests

May 15; Travel; Jackie Hetman shows slides of the Russian Far East within the Arctic Circle on a Russian Icebreaker.

Arlington Community Church 52 Arlingon Ave., Kensington, 526-9146.

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May 12; 10:30 a.m.; Transportation Committee

May 13; 12:30 p.m.; Health Committee

May 13; 2 p.m.; Board Meeting

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20 Year Reunion: Holy Names High School Class of 1977; call Seanne McCarthy at 530-0350.

### Exhibits

#### May 10

Artists Reception: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.; Robin Solit, Figurative Sculptures in Clay; and Stan Whitehead, Paintings, Photographs and drawings; Fig Tree Gallery, 2599 Eighth Street #42, Berkeley, 525-3611.

UC Berkeley Art Museum; "MFA/UCB," May 10 through June 29. The 27th annual exhibit of work by graduates of the University of California Berkeley's Master of Fine Arts Program.

"Drawings and Watercolors from the British Council Collection," through June 22. An exhibit of 60 works by British artists in a variety of styles and media. Represented artists include: Walter Sickert, Wyndham Lewis, Barbara Hepworth, Henry Moore and Paula Rego.

"Jay DeFeo: Selected Works 1952 to 1989," through May 25. An exhibit of major paintings and works on paper by Bay painter DeFeo, focusing on three major periods in her career. A highlight of the exhibit will be DeFeo's "The Rose."

on loan from New York's Whitney Museum of American Art.

"The Year of the Ox in Chinese Poetry, Painting, and Woodblock Design," open-ended. An exhibit of works from the permanent collections celebrating the Year of the Ox.

"18th Century Kyoto and the Emergence of the Maruyama-Shijo School," open-ended. An exhibit of 18 hanging scrolls, handscrolls and album leaves by Maruyama Okyo and his students, works influenced heavily by Western artists' focus on nature. In the Asian Gallery.

"From the Tombs of the Great: New Additions from the Warren King Collection," open-ended. New items have been added to the museum's collection of ancient Chinese ceramics, including tomb figures in surprisingly good condition after having been buried for hundreds of years. In the Asian Gallery.

"Images and Ideas: The Collection in Focus," open-ended. The museum periodically displays some of its permanent collection in a context meant to highlight some aspect of the objects. The three areas of focus for this exhibit are Renaissance art, 19th and 20th century American art and paintings from 1940 to the present.

#### May 15

UC Berkeley Art Museum; 12:15 p.m. "MFA/UCB" Presentation. Students whose art appears in the exhibit will discuss their work. Free with museum admission.

TOURS — "Jay DeFeo: Selected Works 1952 to 1989," through May 25. Guided tours of the exhibit. Thursday, 12:15 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Free with museum admission.

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Box Show, through May 21. A show of works by various authors using the box as a central theme.

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Collage and Drawing- Colleen Schenck: features 12 unusual works by the artist; Valley Art Gallery; 1661 Botelho Dr., Walnut Creek; through May 17; 935-4311.

Berkeley Historical Center and Museum; "Berkeley Leads: 35 Years of Disability Rights," through October. An exhibit documenting the history of the disability rights movement and also the

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## Visit artists at work

The West County Open Studios is currently holding its 1997 exhibition and tour with artists from El Cerrito, Kensington and Richmond are among 40 artists participating, including David and Soo Choi (pictured above) whose prints will be shown at the Art Cafe in El Cerrito. Artists' work are currently on display at the Richmond Art Center, with an opening reception scheduled for May 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. Artists' studios will be open for viewing on May 24 and May 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Maps are available at the art center's Community Gallery located at Civic Center Plaza in Richmond. For more information call Emily Duffy at 234-5924.

YWCA Turning Point Career Center; 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$5/10.

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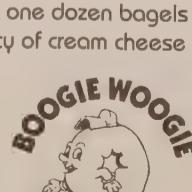
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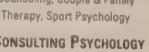
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## Turf

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fitting needs. The high school's structural analysis is now being reviewed by the Division of the State Architects, which will decide the extent of seismic retrofitting needed. The report should be finalized for review by the board at the end of May or the beginning of June.

In the mean time, the school board is planning a temporary housing "emergency" to meet the "necessary time line" for both the opening of school in September and applications for State funding.

At this point, the board is planning on placing high school students in 26 portable classrooms at Memorial Park. Yet, the area for placement includes the use of the Memorial Park tennis courts, property controlled by the city, not the district.

### Untold numbers

At the meeting, the mayor approached the board with an air of modesty, introducing himself as "Bob Good, ordinary citizen." But he then proceeded to pick apart the numbers in the board's proposed bond budget. Only a week and a half before he had been the only City Council member to oppose the use of the park as a temporary site for the high school.

The board and the Mayor seem to disagree on one fundamental point: The board believes its lack of funds and the emergency situation of temporary housing for the high school will prompt the state to bail it out. The mayor believes the school board is set to spend money it doesn't have and thus go bankrupt. Focusing on the issue of budgeting with money the district does not yet have, Good asked the board to separate the "total estimated state funding" into funds the state has already supplied and funds the board is hoping the state will supply in the future through a bond issue that has yet to go to California voters.

The board is expecting to receive 50/50 match grants from the state for Cornell Elementary School Modernization, the middle school, and the high school. District Superintendent Dale Hudson said the state has agreed for the \$3.25 million Hill Lumber land acquisition to be part of the State 50/50 matching funds. Other than that, he said, "I have no idea the size of the bond that the state is going to go for."

Throughout the meeting, Hudson explained that the district had consultants assisting its completion of the application process for modernization funding and emergency funding for unhouse students. "We currently are making applications for all state funding available," he reassured.

"We are like untold numbers of districts up and down the state which have very similar problems and very similar needs and the state is being pushed very hard to provide for those facility needs," he said.

Both former mayor Bill Cain and former Albany city council member Ed McManus tried to bring it home to the mayor by pointing out the similarities in financing between the City Council and school board.

Ed McManus explored the similarities. "Our financial plans building these school facilities are essentially no different than the financial plans the city council ... launched on in building the new library and the community center. When we went and put a bid on the property we didn't have a dime in the kitty to pay for it. Part of it was based on a belief that a bond issue would be passed by the voters."

Cain stressed the need for a comprehensive plan,

Community meetings for concerned citizens, especially those who live in the area surrounding Memorial Park, will be held in May and June. The first meeting is Thursday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Albany High School in room 128.

especially when seeking state funding. "It is really a situation where if you are going to get funding you have to have something ready to fund."

Cain added something that seemed to partially quell the mayor's fears. He said, "I want to reemphasize that until we have the money in hand, we will not approve the project."

"That is very important what you just said," Good responded. "That is really reassuring to me." Good's presence around the project has prompted considerable speculation about his personal motives.

At one point McManus poked fun at the mayor's attempt to pose as an "ordinary citizen," saying, "That sounds like the kind of sleazy insinuations coming from the mayor's office."

Board members also muttered about the usage of Memorial Park not being in Good's best interest. There have been many such mutterings in the community and recently some downright accusations.

One Letter to the Editor published in the "Journal" read, "One can't help but wonder about Mayor 'Good's' private agenda, as he lives directly across the street from the proposed location of these portables and uses the tennis courts." Whether that is Good's private agenda or not, similar concerns appear to be on the minds of many citizens who live in the neighborhood surrounding Memorial Park. A tennis player voiced his concerns before the meeting but disappeared before the bond budget discussion. Throughout the process, citizens have expressed concern over the temporary loss of and possible damage to half of Albany's tennis courts.

Good, however, focused on the financial issues, seeming especially worried that the school would not receive the amount of funds from the state it budgeted for. Surely, the most threatening prospect to those that live around and use Memorial Park is the possibility of construction being halted by a lack of already budgeted state funds. Hudson responded to this line of thinking by saying, "We can't spend it if we don't have it."

### Buckle up. Face the gusts ahead.

The unfortunate student housing circumstances and now the mayor's questioning of the district's logic has pushed the School Board into the position of a martyr. At the end of the meeting Dale Hudson lamented, "It is just our lot that we have to provide for students at every level of the district.... I do not believe that our circumstances are very different from other districts with similar needs up and down the state. It is pronounced for us. We are small. It seems huge."

He expressed his belief that the district would receive state support and stressed the importance of putting pressure on politicians in Sacramento.

"We are going to need some help from our politicians. We will probably need help from our local constituents in helping those politicians in Sacramento. So with that, Buckle up. Face the gusts ahead. And make sure that we align ourselves."

## Loses

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this community for ... the megaprojects of El Cerrito's ability to ... saying, "When we go back to the drawings, it is absolutely essential that the neighborhood citizenry be involved in the process we do come to a project it is one that ..."

Jane Bartke, redevelopment agency agency is taking steps to set up a study of Oewel in two weeks. The agency is holding a series of public meetings with Oewel, who won't have a project unless he does, making an acceptable project with the public, ...

Unlike the process for choosing a plaza, she said, at Del Norte, "BART" operator told us "This is it." I think that through BART we've lost what was ... the whole process."

### EIR's future

Mayor Norma Jellison emphasized that the process is intended to study the environmental impact of the project to do date has not been completed, adding that the EIR will remain around which the project is built.

Yet, the EIR itself may prove to be a GINA Brusatori, who reviewed the environmental impact report, said during the meeting that issues to be addressed before I could be decided and certifying the current EIR."

The prospect of developer Charles poser for two-story, 20-screen, 300-seat complex, a 932-space parking lot (on an existing lot) and 36,639 square feet of 3.17 acres at the Del Norte BART station, received criticism on a weekly basis in the neighborhood.

Also proposed is a five-story multi-story building with a 242-space parking garage, 1,500 retail space and 208 residential apartments adjacent 2.27-acre Mayfair site.

At an April 16 public hearing, 66 people came out to voice their opinions. Virtually all of those speaking were posed to the project as now designed.

That was followed last week by a response and criticism of the EIR by some.

There is still hope on the council that include a scaled-down cinema but others are skeptical. According to Stark, Oewel has and over that the theater is "the engine of the project." Stark also contended that better contract had been with AMC the business strategy is based on megateater good chance the plan is D.O.A."

Before the audience had heard La poser, persistent project critic Peter La another criticism of the project and the elected officials did not give citizens a response to what he called "the biggest happened in El Cerrito, at least in my memory."

Immediately after Loubal's speech became for Council meetings an unexpected counterpoint, and most of all, Force read his statement announcing the abandonment of "the megateater."

now, to which Zweben responded. "It is a stellar analysis I've ever written, but that's it."

Zweben then went on to say that what brought by CRG was an "assault" on the city and that no court ever held that voters could not have a CEQA review. Invoking the "power of the state," Zweben drew the wrath of Peter Strankman, who pointed to the ballot question he was faced with in November, 1994.

According to Measure F, voters not only a 150-table cardroom, but did so "in order to revenue for the City of Albany, create jobs, an Albany Bay Trail, and allow Albany access." CRG claims that phrasing violates Registration Act.

"That sounds to me like argumentative," Strankman said. While Zweben asserted the "ultimate right" — the right Strankman seemed none to pleased.

"What voter is going to say no to that?" Strankman said. He went on to say that elected officials to pose such questions "fairly," and that Zweben's argument "is of the electorate "just doesn't smell right." Strankman finished his argument, Strankman advised use such language the next time he made a measure.

After a brief closing argument by Taaffe, then instructed the attorneys to prepare a brief on the Pala case. Apparently weary of paperwork the case has produced, he advised that if they were to submit documents on the subject, those documents would be torn up.

After the hearing, Taaffe said he was optimistic about the outcome.

Outis, on the other hand, seemed to be saying, "(The justices) questions suggest they were very skeptical at best of the actions."

Zweben responded to the strong words from Strankman, saying the justice might the ballot language "politically overbearing" and "necessarily illegal." The bottom line is that voters fully of the circumstances, and that's what circumstances," Zweben said.

Also, in response to the as yet unanswered question of whether Ladbroke will proceed regardless of the second lawsuit, Ladbroke's attorney John Ford, who was also in attendance, didn't know how the second lawsuit would affect his company and that his company is "anxious to apply."

A decision on the appeal is expected in



## Martin Snapp

**Literary Ringer:** Remember my column about Moe Moskowitz, the late owner of Moe's Books?

I talked about his famously funky bathroom, including the story about the customer who refused to use it. As you'll recall, when Moe teased her about being upright about something as "natural" as human waste, she retorted that if he'd ever changed diapers he wouldn't think it was so romantic. Then she wrote a check for the books she bought and left. The check was signed "Ursula Le Guin" — the award-winning author of such classics as *The Left Hand of Darkness* and the *Earthsea* trilogy.

Great story, huh? And it's all true, except for one tiny detail: The woman wasn't Ursula Le Guin.

Sez who? Ursula Le Guin.

She's living in Oregon now; but somebody sent her a copy of my column, and this is what she wrote me:

"I am truly sorry to hear of the death of Moe Moskowitz, and may we all meet him again in a piled-up-with-dusty-wonderful-books aisle of the Great Bookstore in the Sky."

"But I would never have tried to use the bathroom in Moe's Books in the first place — I'm not a masochist. And if I had, I wouldn't have been rude about it. If he'd told me excrement was natural I would have agreed, not gone off on some dumb tangent about it not being 'romantic.' And finally, I wouldn't have signed somebody else's name to my check. I sure hope that sleaze didn't take Moe for much."

"Would you mind printing this, to keep my reputation clean in my old home town?"

"With all good wishes,

"Ursula K. Le Guin"

As I said, the fake Ursula Le Guin paid with a bogus check and left. Says the real Ursula Le Guin: "I imagine she left fairly rapidly."

...

**Divine Defense:** Now that college basketball star God Shammgod — that's his name, honest! — has announced he's turning pro, and Dennis Rodman has announced he's changing his name to "Orgasm," I can't wait until they play each other next year. I can hear the play-by-play announcer now: "God fakes Orgasm!"

Meanwhile, what do tennis star Helen Wills Moody, artist Elmer Bischoff, director Michael Ritchie, jazzman Joshua Redman, and diplomat Nick Velotes have in common? They were recently inducted into the Berkeley High Hall of fame, joining an impressive list that includes Thornton Wilder '15, Phil Lesh '57, Morrie Turner '42, Shirley Dean '52, Billy Martin '47, Ron Dellums '59, Belva Davis '51, and Jack La Lane '34 (Velotes, by the way, is the brother of R&B legend Johnny Otis, of "Willie and the Hand Jive" fame.)

Speaking of education, I just got an e-mail from my old buddy from the Oakland Tribune, Larry Kelp, who says computers and books don't necessarily have to be in conflict.

Here's the deal: The Houghton-Mifflin publishing company is donating books to children's hospitals. The number of books depends on the number of e-mails they receive. For every 25 e-mails, they'll donate one book.

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So far, they've received only 400 messages nationwide. I think we can do better than that, just by ourselves. Don't you?

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**Meow Moms (And Dads) Wanted:** Spring is here, and you know what that means: lots of homeless kittens showing up at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. But before these little guys are old enough to be adopted, they'll need a week or two in a foster home to build up their strength. Could you open your home — and your heart — to one or more of these orphans? You'll have the satisfaction of knowing that, thanks to you, they're getting a running start on life. Call Rhonda Rose at 845-7735... Welcome to the latest newspaper to hit the stands: the "Berkeley Bark," official publication of the Friends of César Chavez Park (formerly known as North Waterfront Park). My favorite feature is the movie critic, a Border Collie named Willy, who loved "Babe" but hated "Lassie Come Home." ("Let's face it," he writes, "Lassie did overplay her paw at times.") Willy also advises, "If you're in a movie theater, check out the floor. There's food everywhere!"... Here's wishing a speedy and complete recovery to 4-year-old Laura Silva, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Young as she is, Laura is a veteran animal rights activist. She picketed the Ringling Bros. Circus last year, holding up her little sign protesting the animal acts. If you'd like to send Laura a funny, light-hearted card, it would really cheer her up. Ditto for small, colorful hats or books. But no money, please. Her folks have insurance. Her address: Laura Silva, 2107 Flamingo Court, Pinole, CA 94564... Well, that's it for this week. I'm off to the Black and White Ball. Next week, I'll tell you whom I took — as well as the straight poop on how the ball's "deluxe" port-a-potties are different from the regular kind. I'll bet you're flush with anticipation.

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## Hearing

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still have to fend off a second CRG lawsuit, filed in March, challenging the City Council's waiver earlier this year of the "drop dead date" (Feb. 1, 1997) in the development agreement authorizing the cardroom. CRG could also petition the Supreme Court for a hearing.

While previous chapters of the debate drew hundreds of cardroom opponents and supporters who made nearly every legal, ethical and political assertion imaginable, this affair was a bit more low-key. In the dark, wood-trimmed chambers of the First District Court of Appeal, counsel for both sides humbled themselves as they presented their final, and only, oral argument to the three justices who will decide the matter once and for all.

### No nonsense

The justices, presumably unfamiliar with the endless loop of sound and fury the issue has produced, gave the impression they would suffer little tom foolery and not one tiny step over the line of proper procedure. In a case prior to the CRG's, for example, one attorney, appearing via telephone to appeal a prison sentence for his client, spoke out of turn and was promptly stripped of his rebuttal time by Presiding Justice Gary Strankman.

Arguing on behalf of the CRG was attorney Dan Taaffe (CRG attorney Bob Outis sat by Taaffe's side, but did not speak), while the Ladbroke/Albany legal team split their time between Ladbroke attorney Robert Loewen and Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben. The judges posed questions in a somewhat enigmatic fashion — perhaps probing deeper into certain issues, or perhaps laying traps — and left the harshest words for last as they turned their attention to Zweben.

Taaffe kicked off the oral argument speaking not of the three areas of law which dominate the appeal — the California Environmental Quality Act, Albany's Measure C and the Gaming Registration Act — but rather of another appeal court case decided a week prior. In that case, *Pala Band of Mission Indians vs. the San Diego County Board of Supervisors*, the court ruled the county improperly named a private entity in a voter-approved initiative allowing a landfill to be built near property owned by the band.

Albany's Measure F also names a privately-owned entity — Ladbroke — to build the cardroom at the racetrack. While Taaffe argued the Pala case would apply to the cardroom project, one justice questioned that assertion, asking, in essence, how else should the city have drafted Measure F?

Taaffe said that if the City Council had approved the initiative first — thus mandating an environmental review — then all would have been well. He then moved to the Measure C cause of action, claiming the

citizen-sponsored initiative, which mandates all waterfront zoning amendments be approved by city voters, required a "dual-approval process," for Measure F, thus triggering a full, pre-election CEQA review.

One justice said he was concerned about the effect of a pair of Administrative Implementation Memoranda (AIM) signed by Ladbroke, Albany and the Sierra Club promising a full CEQA review during the application process for the project, which has yet to begin. Taaffe, however, argued the AIMs could not override the development agreement — thus rendering it impossible to mitigate potential impacts — saying, "In effect, those memoranda are meaningless."

"This is a vested right we're talking about," Taaffe said. He finished by saying that another appeal court case, *Lee v. Lompoc*, which the city and Ladbroke have cited in their briefs, was wrong if it came down to deciding the matter on that basis.

Ladbroke's Loewen kicked off arguments for the respondent by saying Albany is a charter city (as opposed to a general-law city) and that the Pala case was thus "inapplicable." He also argued that, if necessary, Ladbroke's name could be severed from the development agreement without invalidating the entire document, as the appeal court ruled in Pala.

Loewen also challenged the Measure C assertions, saying, "What they want you to do is rewrite that ordinance." While one justice pointed out that the city attorney analysis of Measure C, written in 1990, calls voter approval an "additional step" to the regular process, Loewen said that language was "ambiguous" and that the City Council did not "approve" Measure F as CRG has asserted, but rather submitted it to the voters.

Loewen also spoke to the CEQA cause of action, saying both CRG and the City of Berkeley, which filed a friend of the court brief on behalf of CRG last year, were asking the court to rewrite that law as well. He called the claims "fine policy arguments" which should be taken up in court but rather submitted it to the voters.

### Ballot argument questioned

The ball was then passed to City Attorney Zweben, who seconded Loewen's Pala arguments and moved on to Measure C. While Zweben argued that the initiative allows only voters to make decisions about the waterfront, Justice Douglas Swager pointed again to the city attorney's analysis of Measure C, written by Zweben himself.

The analysis states that Measure C creates "an additional step of voter approval of City Council decisions made in the Waterfront Planning process." Swager asked if Zweben was not arguing a contrary position

# SPORTS

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## Panthers earn their cookies 'n' milk

John Gardella

ough part for R.J. Bruno dealing with the frustration of Alameda-Contra Costa League season.

Sure, the St. Mary's High softball coach realized her first-year varsity would stumble there. She just didn't realize stumbles would snowball into a bottomless pit. The girls just aren't mature enough, Bruno said Monday. "It's frustrating. We execute in drill, then we get in a game situation and, essentially, choke. One of the main problems is a lack of intensity. It could be exhaustion, but we just don't get tired enough. "And maybe some of them get frustrated, but I never have a cookie and a glass of milk after the game and we're done with it."

all changed Tuesday — at for one game.

The Lady Panthers traveled to City (Richmond) with an 0-7 mark and one win in 16.

ney Touson took the mound. M. Bruno's regular starter, Sandra Hammond, got the day off. Although Touson is not very according to Bruno, the control was pin-point as allowed just two walks.

other surprising factor was the Panthers committed just six errors, well before their season.

game was knotted at 10-10.

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Albany freshman pitcher Abby McCullough displays maturity and plays very intently.

Jeff Lindquist

By Mac Montandon

Down 9-3 in the fifth inning to Alameda last Friday, the Albany softball team showed why you can never count it out.

Signs of Cougar fortitude were first seen on the bench when the home team came up in the bottom of the inning. Up to that point, Albany hadn't been able to do much against Alameda starting pitcher Angelique Parras, but that didn't seem to diminish the spirit in the dugout.

The fence around the bench rattled as every player rose and cheered their teammates at the plate. The clanging then gave way to a rhythmic chant linking Cougars' superiority over Hornets'.

It worked. Just like that, Albany started slapping the ball all over the field. Third baseman Robin Ball led off with a single. Abby McCullough followed with a single. Terese Karsee drove in two runs with a base knock, and catcher Rosey Mejia followed with a run-scoring triple to right-center, landing at third on both knees in a pillow of dust.

By the time Mejia scored on an infield groundout, the score was 9-7 and Albany was right in the game with two innings to play. It was as if they had simply willed a rally to happen.

Albany's up and down play headed south in the final frame, however, as it ended up losing to Alameda, 15-9 to fall to 5-8 overall.

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## Jackets' lacrosse team: 'Next year, next year'

Mac Montandon

FRANCISCO — With the Golden Gate Bridge looming above a line of trees to the Berkeley boys lacrosse took the field at University in the first round of the California Junior Lacrosse Association playoffs.

Yellowjackets were looking to the match to be as equally dramatic as the scenery, hoping they could extend a frustrating season into the second round. The lowest-seeded team

playoffs, with a regular season record of 4-7, Berkeley knew it had to play the game of the year to an efficient Red Devils instead, after reaching the A finals each of the past two years, the Jackets grew weary in the second half, losing 8-4 after just 3-2 at halftime.

Berkeley's bench had been severely depleted over the final weeks of the season as injuries and academic troubles forced several players to miss important games.

But the team that finished the season Monday has come together even as its numbers were reduced. Coaches and players alike believe this will provide a strong foundation for next year.

"We had a lot of problems this year," junior Zack Stern-Walker said Monday, slinging his bundle of equipment over his shoulder one last time. "We lost about half the team, and that hurt our morale. It was good in a way though, because the guys who were here today are going to play next year, so we know we will have a dedicated group."

Stern-Walker wasn't just putting a positive spin on things. In Monday's game the Jackets put up more than just a good fight, despite having only four reserves. The game was close until the closing minutes, and even as the final seconds of the season ticked away, Berkeley players and fans called out encouragement to the players on the field.

The play that was perhaps most



Despite being pinned last Thursday against Bishop O'Dowd, Berkeley's Michael John Crickmore fights to get to the goal. Jackets lost in 1st round of NCJLA playoff to University.

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indicative of Berkeley's hustle of the day was turned in by junior defenseman Jesse Jardim. With his club down, 7-3, in the last quarter,

Jardim made a clean check deep in Jackets' territory, took off down the field, and didn't stop until he had flicked his long stick for a score.

Watching his run was like watching someone run up a mountain to catch the last fish in a lake before passing out from hunger. Though

exhausted, and the dirt sticking to his legs like an additional layer of skin, Jardim made the play purely on desire, and it was a moment that made his coach know in many ways, that this season was a success.

"One of the best things about this year was seeing some players really work hard to improve," said coach Chris Sparhawk. "A guy like Travis Redman who doesn't have that much experience, came up to the varsity this year and really stepped up his game. To see that development is one of the best feelings."

While Berkeley will lose eight seniors from the team to graduation, Sparhawk said he will call upon a talented JV team to fill in next year, and will return several players from the current roster.

One player, who should benefit next season from varsity exposure the last few weeks, is goalie Santiago Llerma. Llerma was called up from the JV only three weeks ago after Berkeley's starting keeper was injured.

"It's tough to lose key guys this late in the season," Sparhawk said.

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## Panthers end ACCAL season unbeaten — again

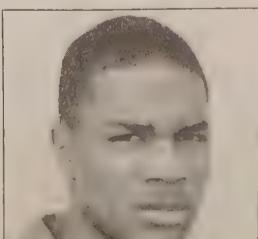
St. Mary's boys head into postseason not having lost a league meet in 11 consecutive years

John Gardella

For another — ho-hum — regular season for the St. Mary's track and field team, the Panthers can start prepping for the season. (SM) annihilated nearby El Cerrito in its last meet Thursday.

Coach Jay Lawson, now in his second season, said this is potentially the best group of athletes he's

had. "But I won't know how good,



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Jerriod Mack

competitively speaking, until next year. That's because this is a young team. Very young."

The Panthers only graduate two seniors from the boys team. The girls are participating in their first year as a varsity program and are mostly freshmen and sophomores.

"This is the best non-senior team I've ever had," said Lawson, who coaches the team with his brother, Don. "But we still have a ways to go to catch (SM) teams from the past."

The Panthers boys haven't lost a league meet since Lawson took over

11 seasons ago. Both boys and girls finished this Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League with perfect marks.

This weekend the Panthers travel to the Sacramento Meet of Champions. Although he expects his charges to do very well, Lawson said the most important thing is for the athletes to get a feel for the facilities because it is where the state meet will be held.

"It should be a nice preview for the states," Lawson said.

Lawson also expects some of his athletes to improve on previous best

marks, something they seem to do on a weekly basis.

"I think our mile relay team can improve to a sub 3:20," Lawson said. "I think Jafar (Williams) can get a sub 49 (seconds) in the 400."

Other athletes Lawson expects big things from heading into postseason are Jerriod Mack, who improved by nine inches in the triple jump at the Top 8 Invitational at James Logan two weeks ago; and Rich Nero, who improved in the 110-meter high hurdles by 2 seconds at the invitational.

**'This is best non-senior team I've ever had. But we still have a ways to go to catch teams from the past.'**

— JAY LAWSON, SM TRACK COACH

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# Hedging bets with a ladder

The current interest rate environment may be causing you to wonder if and how your bond investments will be affected. Changing interest rates particularly concern bond investors who feel they do not know exactly how those changes will impact the value of their holdings. But by using a laddered-bond-portfolio strategy, you can help protect your bond portfolio for near-term and long-term benefits.

Once a bond is issued, the interest rate is fixed for the life of the bond. However, general market interest rates fluctuate daily, and those rates are the main reason bond prices fluctuate. This is a key factor to consider if you ever think about

selling a bond before maturity.

In the normal relationship between bond yields and maturity lengths, yields on long-term bonds are generally higher than those on short-term bonds. So, if you choose a short-term bond, you must generally settle for a lower rate of return with constant reinvestment risk.

On the other hand, if you select a long-term bond, you can obtain a higher rate, but you limit your ability to take advantage of future increases in interest rates and subject your holding to price volatility due to changing rates. A bond portfolio based on laddered maturities can help alleviate both of these concerns.

With a laddered portfolio, you

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Personal finance and consumer advocate Eric Tyson has teamed up with real estate expert Ray Brown to provide a step-by-step guide to demystify the process of buying a home.

This is a down-to-earth, practical, holistic, and humorous book on home buying that simplifies the complex world of real estate. *Home Buying For Dummies* walks con-

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choose a maximum length of maturity for the portfolio, for example, let's say 10 years. Then you invest equal quantities in bonds that mature beginning with the earliest maturity date and set intervals thereafter, ending with the longest maturity for the portfolio.

When a bond in the portfolio matures, you use the proceeds to invest in a bond with the portfolio's maximum maturity—in our example, it would be a 10-year bond. As a result, your portfolio will always have the same structure.

Because a portion of your portfolio matures in set intervals, you will have an automatic hedge against interest-rate moves. If interest rates drop below current levels, you still have higher yields with the longer maturities in the portfolio. If interest rates rise above current levels, the portion of the bonds that are maturing each year can be invested at higher interest rates.

This strategy has other benefits as well, such as:

- Shorter-term average maturity. The portfolio's average bond maturity will only be about half as long as the longest maturity of the bonds held in the portfolio.

For example, if your portfolio consisted of bonds that matured in one year and then each year thereafter, with the longest maturity of a bond in the portfolio being 10 years,



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then the average maturity of the portfolio will only be about five-and-one-half years.

- Longer-term yield. As each bond in the portfolio matures and is reinvested into a longer-term bond, your portfolio can eventually achieve an average yield reflecting the longer-term issues. However your portfolio will still retain a shorter average maturity.

- Established bond investment strategy. Once you are comfortable committing to the laddered maturities approach your reinvestment strategy is set. You will not have to try to predict the market anymore, giving you greater peace of mind.

An investment professional can provide further details on how a laddered bond portfolio can help you step up to longer-term investment success.

Leila Gough is an Associate Vice-President at A.G. Edwards in Oakland. She can be reached at 273-8840. Visit our Web site at [www.agedwards.com](http://www.agedwards.com).

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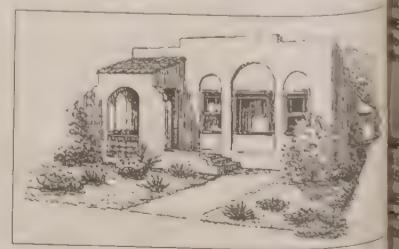
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# Fall in confidence leads to rate decline

On April 30 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac) Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage for the week fell 1 basis point to 8.01 percent from last week's average of 8.02 percent.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) fell 2 basis points from last week's average of 5.86 percent to 5.84 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing market, is 7.53 percent, down 9 basis points from last week's average of 7.62 percent.

A year ago, the average 15-year interest rate was 7.50 percent.

"Both existing and new home sales were down in March, largely in response to a dip in mortgage rates," said Freddie Mac Deputy Chief Economist Frank Nothaft.

This coupled with a dip in consumer confidence in April, indicating that consumer spending may decline over the next few months, eased concerns that the economy was growing quickly and helped lead to

a moderation in interest rates."

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders. The organization supplies lenders with the money to make mortgages and then packages these mortgages into marketable securities.

In this way Freddie Mac sustains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rates paid by home buyers. Over the years, Freddie Mac has opened the doors for one in six home buyers in America.

On April 30 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for May payments at 4.78 percent, up 6 basis points from the 4.723 percent that was in effect for April payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

"They aren't buyers," Anet said. "At least at this point, they aren't."

"I could call those people who are relocating to the Bay Area," I said suddenly. "They aren't having any luck finding a rental here and they do intend to buy someday..."

I stopped because I already knew it wouldn't work.

"They aren't buyers," Anet said. "At least at this point, they aren't."

Of course she was right. Our out-of-towners would be a very long shot indeed. They aren't thinking about buying now, haven't investigated loans, or neighborhoods. They haven't looked at any houses and have no idea how much things cost.

Also this particular house will sell quickly, probably with more than one offer, and it's anybody's guess how much it will sell for.

It's just too much to expect that anyone could grapple with all that is involved in buying this house in the time available. I must have been out of my mind.

We're always telling people that

# Welcome to the big time

Number 193 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

buying a house is big, that getting ready requires time and concentration—information to gather: what houses cost, loans, reports, house imperfections and so on.

In addition although it's a little harder to describe, a buyer must become psychologically ready. This can take a little time or a great deal. For some people it never occurs.

That might be what's going on with a woman I talked to on the same day I saw that house. She said she'd like to buy, has been searching for a long time and has found more than one house she wanted.

"But at the last minute," she says, "I chickened out."

I was surprised at my client's candor. We've certainly encountered people who thought they wanted to buy but never did. The ones we've known, however, didn't seem to understand what was stand-

ing her more months to explore various areas, figure out where she'd like to live. Meanwhile the market changed.

"When I started all this, there was less competition," she said. "Even then, I always picked houses that other people wanted too. I was scared about multiple offers."

"And although I found houses that seemed to be in good shape, I worried terribly about what would be discovered during inspections. Now, in this market, I know I'll have to move even faster, make decisions more quickly than before. I hate that pressure."

I was surprised at my client's candor. We've certainly encountered people who thought they wanted to buy but never did. The ones we've known, however, didn't seem to understand what was stand-



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yard is too small, the kitchen needs everything," we'd hear. "I have to have a garage and I don't want to have to replace a roof."

We looked some more. Finally we found a house (or two or three) that seemed right.

"It's wonderful," declared our client. "I love the location, the light inside, the size. But many of the windows are painted shut and I hate the carpeting in the bedrooms."

What could be wrong here? Maybe this buyer isn't a buyer.

Invariably the next comment is, "I think we should keep looking."

We think the client is hoping that a house will appear that is so ideal, one that the client finds so appealing that reason and worry will disappear.

Which we suppose is possible, although we've never seen it happen.

Our caller this week asks if I know of anything that will help her. I tell her that with preparation, learning what kinds of things commonly come up during inspections and how she can write the strongest possible offer, she can allay some of her fears.

But if she is going to buy a house, she positively has to want to. True desire—the knowledge of what's right for her—is the key.

Without it, buying is never going to happen.

Anet Tarpoff and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents and residential specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

## We're always telling people that buying a house is big, that getting ready requires time and concentration.

people, not to mention responsibility. Taking on a house as one's own—the roof, the hot water heater, the payments—isn't possible for everyone.

"But—here's the good news—not everyone needs to buy a house," I said and suggested that she let herself off the hook.

"But I think I really do want to buy," she said. "My kids need a yard and it seems silly to go on paying rent. It's just that I can't seem to make myself do it."

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ing in their way.

Even after looking "forever" at "everything," they say things like: "The right house hasn't come along" and "I know if I'm patient I'll find what I want at my price."

Earlier, when we first met, these same people may have asked if what they wanted was realistic. Often it was.

"Can I buy two bedrooms and a sunny yard in Northbrae for around \$280,000?" might have been the start.

"It should be possible," we'd say. "Let's look." So we looked at what was available and the buyer refined his objectives. His requirements rose, sometimes to an impossible height.

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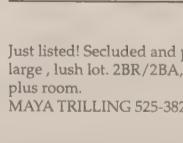
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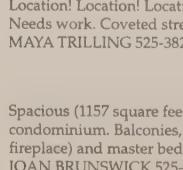
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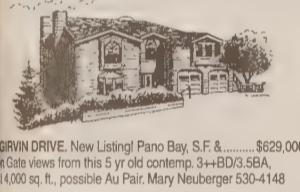
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spring as well. This gives you color while you impatiently wait for summer perennials to regrow. I use freesia as an edging in my partial shade bush garden. The bushes do not blossom until summer and the freesia make me anticipate garden color yet to come.

Trachelospermum jasminoides, star jasmine, is a widely planted vine or ground cover. Blooming in June through July the multitude of white star shaped blossoms can be noticed in residential and commercial gardens, on college campuses and in shopping malls throughout the Bay Area.

I began this two part article by saying that these are plants I would plant for my customers or that I have in my own garden. Well, this is a definite—if the customer wants it I will plant it. It may be that I see it so often that I am not enamored by it, does familiarity breeds contempt? Or is it that I see it used in places where some other plant would be more appropriate. Or that this is a plant that can start your nose running.

Planting star jasmine in full sun is inappropriate, as this causes the leaves to turn red in summer and fall. That is not a sign of approaching winter, since star jasmine is an evergreen, but that it is receiving too much sun. In hot areas the star jasmine likes partial shade.

Rhododendron fragrantissimum is another plant

that I use as a customer plant only. I think it is a spectacular rhododendron. Being from the east I have a soft spot in my heart for rhodys, but not in my East Bay garden. Caring for rhododendrons in the Bay Area is a constant battle, since it is not the ideal site for this acid loving plant.

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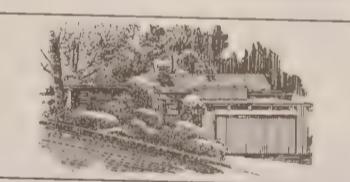
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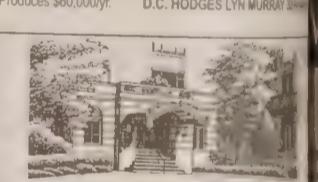
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# Realtor paints rosy picture

Knapp, regional president of Coldwell Banker predicts that California's residential real estate market will become "hotter" in the second quarter.

He said yesterday that the quarter traditionally is the strongest sales of the year.

"Today's market conditions, probably be the strongest of the decade," he said.

Goldman said the real estate market benefited from the booming economy, which he

calls "the strongest in the nation by almost any benchmark."

Coldwell Banker Regional Vice President Avram Goldman said March sales were up 23 percent over March of 1996, marking the best monthly sales of the decade.

"Today's seller's market prevails in 90 percent of our neighborhoods," Goldman said. "Lots of buyers are chasing low inventory and listings are definitely tighter this year than last."

Goldman said regional home values will appreciate from 3 to 7 percent this year, with some neighborhoods increasing up to 10 percent.

In Alameda County, Piedmont and the Rockridge, Montclair and Crocker Highlands areas of Oakland are "in."

"I think this hot market is more stable than the last one of the late '80s, partly because many people who bought in 1988 and 1989 are now back in the market with the benefit of their knowledge," Goldman said.

"Today's buyers are enthusiastic, but they're also cautious and informed."

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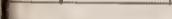
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## University Terrace open house



Billie Karp (left), Marjorie Sperber and Laurie Capitelli invite you to have a look at Berkeley's University Terrace.

Red Oak Realty's "Dream Team", Laurie Capitelli, Marjorie Sperber, and Billie Karp

announced that over 60 percent of the affordable condominium/townhouse units have been sold at University Terrace. These beautiful units are designated exclusively for University faculty and staff, located in cen-

tral Berkeley.

The site is a one-square block four-acre property bordered by California Street, Addison Street, Allston Way, and Jefferson Avenue. One block south of University Avenue and about seven blocks west of campus. The property includes the building and grounds of the former Presenta-

tion High School.

University Terrace is a few minutes walking or bicycling distance to campus, two BART stations, AC Transit bus lines, Andronico's, Berkeley Repertory Theater, downtown movies and other shopping and en-

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Most homeowners do not climb up and look at their own roof, and many assume there are no problems if they have not noticed any leakage. Unfortunately, "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" can be an expensive strategy for maintaining the investment in your roof. Roofs should be examined annually.

Preventive maintenance can extend the life of a roof and prevent leaks. Slow leaks that go unnoticed can contribute to rot and fungus growth in the eaves, attic, and wall framing.

Roof drainage is important, especially on low-slope roofs such as "tar and gravel" roofs. Drains that become blocked with leaves can cause water to pond on the roof surface, increasing the chances of leakage. If trees overhang a low-slope roof, leaves may collect on the roof surface.

These should be routinely cleaned off. The drain openings should be cleared, and the openings should be protected with a wire cage or screening to prevent leaves from blocking them. Tree

## Keeping the roof over your head

branches which scrape a roof surface should be trimmed clear. Branches can damage the roofing, particularly in high winds.

Rain gutters should be checked often, depending on how many trees are near the roof. Rain gutters should be cleaned before the rainy season, and may need to be cleaned several times during the rainy season. Blocked gutters can cause backup that can damage the eaves, and water spilling over the gutters can lead to site drainage problems.

I do not recommend that any person go onto a roof unless they have construction experience and know how to work on a roof safely. Usually the best approach is to hire a reputable roofer to examine and repair your roof, particularly if it is a steep roof. I will mention a few of the common repair methods here.

Mastic (roofing cement) is used to patch asphalt composition shingles, flashings, and built-up roofing. It adheres easily to metal, stucco and asphalt roofing and can be used to patch damaged shingles, or seal roof-to-wall connections and plumbing vent penetrations.

Mastic deteriorates from exposure to sunlight and reapplication is necessary every few years. It will not stick to wood and should not be used to patch wood roofs or connections to wood siding.

Shake roofs have a layer of felt

("tar paper") under each course to serve as a waterproofing barrier. Every year a small amount of the shake surface is worn away by the sun and weather. Holes eventually develop in the shingles, exposing this felt to damage from the sun.

Damaged shingles can be replaced or can be repaired by inserting a thin wood shingle, composition

coatings. We often find the central portion of built-up roofs to be in good shape when the exposed edges are worn out.

How long should you keep repairing a roof before it is replaced? This depends on several factors, including your tolerance for leaks and periodic roof repairs.

Some roofs can be kept func-

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shingle, or piece of sheet metal beneath them to protect the exposed felt from the sun. With slate or tile roofing the traditional method has been to replace any broken slates or tiles.

Special adhesives are now available which can effectively repair broken tiles. Loose tiles should be secured with wire, nails, or special adhesives available for this purpose.

The edges of tar and gravel roofs are usually left uncovered with gravel and are exposed to damage from the sun.

All areas where the asphalt is exposed should be coated with an aluminized asphalt emulsion or one of the new rubberized white roof

tional for many years beyond their normal life. Roof surfaces which are in poor condition may need replacement even if no leakage has occurred.

A qualified roofing contractor should be consulted to determine if a roof is repairable, and if so at what cost. Ask how long the repairs will extend the roof life.

Roger Robinson is a residential and commercial property inspector, inspection trainer, and author. For additional information see the Star Inspection Group's web site at: [www.stargroup.com](http://www.stargroup.com) or send email to [roger@stargroup.com](mailto:roger@stargroup.com). To order inspection or consulting services call 1-800-698-0292.

## Starting asparagus

By Buzz Bertolero

Q: I've recently purchased yearling asparagus stock and I'm ready to plant them. But now that the box of roots has sat in my kitchen for a few weeks, they have grown like weeds.

These first shoots seem much too long and thin to be eaten. Do I trim them before planting? Or do I wait a bit before trimming?

A: Asparagus is a long-term perennial vegetable. These plants will produce for the next 15 years or longer, so it is important to select the right location. Asparagus is best planted in a long trench 12 inches deep.

Space the plants one foot apart at the bottom of the trench and back fill.

Work in lots of organic matter and manure into the back fill along with one pound of vegetable fertilizer per 100 square feet. Do not trim the long straggly stalks.

In the fall do not cut off the fern growth until it has turned brown; the plant needs this growth for nourishment.

You will not harvest any asparagus until the second or third year.

Q: In my garden there is a large amount of gummy sap. My local friend saw a friend who had a gummy plant and applying a manganese paste area. It took a few days to dry and eventually the gummy sap disappeared.

What causes this gummy sap? Have been told there is a more effective treatment?

A: Gumminess begins near the soil surface and is usually evident where wet soil or rain remain in contact for days or weeks.

Citrus plants are particularly susceptible to this disease. A copper spray is a preventive spray.

Listen to Buzz Bertolero, a master gardener and author. Send email to [dirtgarden@aol.com](mailto:dirtgarden@aol.com) or visit the website: [www.dirtgarden.com](http://www.dirtgarden.com)

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81 LINDA AVE. - Piedmont Avenue. This adorable 2 bedroom Bungalow has hardwood floors & a sunny updated kitchen. Walk to shops & restaurants. VICKY FAULK.....\$204,950

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28 MASONIC PLACE.....ROCKRIDGE.....3+BD/2.5BA.....\$499,000.....MICHAEL THOMPSON  
2749 CARISBROOK DR. ....PIEDMONT PINES.....3BD/2BA.....\$386,000.....JUDY MAHER  
64 STARVIEW DR.....HILLER HGLANDS.....3BD/2.5BA.....\$349,000.....OLIE HAMMEREL

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OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

OAKLAND HILLS/SKYLINE.....\$785,000  
Unique and beautiful custom built. A dramatic home w/lg sq. ft. Fab view. 3BD/2.5BA, pool, sauna, game rm, loft, wine rm & more. Don Coelho

EXCEPTIONAL MONTCLAIR HOME.....\$610,000  
Enjoy great indoor-outdoor living in park-like setting. 4BD/3BA, formal dining, separate breakfast room, rec room & library. Dian Hymer

BANK FORECLOSURE.....\$589,000  
Great Bay view. Never lived in. Large square footage. 4BD/3BA including 2 master suites. Soaring ceiling & huge rec room, desirable Alvarado area. Nancy Dickey/Ollie Hammerel

CROCKER HGLNDS - NEW PRICE!.....\$449,000  
Enchanting Normandy. Architect designed in the 1920's. Old world charm, w/4BD/3BA, lib, FDR, large eat-in kit, sunny deck & 2-car gar. Dian Hymer

MONTCLAIR.....\$439,000  
Stunning sunset + 3 bridge view. 3BD/2.5BA. Walk to Village, fabulous master suite, home office set-up & wine cellar. George Karsant

SKYLINE HILLS.....\$344,500  
Rustic contemporary 3BD/2BA, sweeping bay & city views. Vaulted ceilings, updated kit. George Karsant

NEW LISTING!.....\$319,000  
In Trestle Glen area. Mediterranean in desirable location. Built about 74 years ago, this home has arched doors, built-ins and many other new touches of that era. 3BD/2BA, detached garage. Ruby Ng/Karin Lum

GREAT SETTING.....\$319,000  
Central Montclair 4BD/2.5BA, well maintained home with family room and eat-in kitchen opening level out to the yard. Dian Hymer

CROCKER RANCH.....\$299,500  
Level in plus all level living. 3BD/2BA, beautiful hwdwd flrs, remodeled kitchen & prvt yard convenient loc, close to shops & trans. Darcy Diamantine

UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$299,000  
Great one level home in prime location. Level out to wrap around patio, walk to shops & transportation, 3BD/2BA. George Karsant

REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$269,500  
Prime area above Mountain Blvd. Well maintained one level, spacious living rm w/fireplace, 3BD/2BA, eat-in kit w/entrance to beautiful level backyard and large patio, 2-car garage. Adrianna Giacomelli

NEW PRICE! WHAT CURB APPEAL!.....\$248,500  
Inviting country colonial w/special ambience. Wonderful details by the craftspeople of 1918's. Peaceful outlook of the East Bay Hills. Must see. 2BD/1BA, plus rm w/own ent. Crocker School. Ruby Ng

GLENVIEW!.....\$255,000  
Traditional Bungalow w/fab updates, furnace, roof, appl, paint & more. Intimate gdn & patio. Dell Orr

PIEDMONT AVENUE AREA.....\$239,000  
Newer 4BD/2.5BA, 2-story home with kitchen/ family room opening to deck & level sunny yard. Walk to shops. Dian Hymer

REDUCED! IN OAKMORE.....\$199,000  
Flexible flr plan on main level, 2BD, library & extra rm w/own ent. & bath. On ground level sep. rm w/own entrance & bath. Montclair school dist! 2+BD/3BA. Ruby NG/Karen Lum

NEEDS FIXING.....\$199,000  
Contractors delight! Nice detailing inside, formal dining with box beam ceiling, leaded glass, hardwood wainscoting. Nancy Dickey

MAXWELL PARK.....\$179,000  
Just listed! Romantic 2BD/1BA Bungalow has hwdwd flrs, frpl, bkfst nook, FDR & patio. Ruth Lockhart

MAXWELL PARK.....\$159,500  
This home is a pleasing blend of original charm & tasteful updating. So rarely found at this price. Kevin McMuller

MAXWELL PARK.....\$109,000  
Fix-it-up and enjoy! Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, level yard & 2 big bedrooms. Ruth Lockhart

## OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

1020 CRESTON.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/3BA.....\$695,000.....JERRI L.  
1093 EUCLID.....BERKELEY.....2+BR/2BA.....\$219,000.. BARBARA MARIE  
2979 PIEDMONT.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$239,500.....NAN  
1800 ALLSTON.....BERKELEY.....DUPLEX.....\$289,500.....CL  
1030 CRAGMONT.....BERKELEY.....4BR/2.5BA.....\$289,000.....CHI  
1609 BEVERLY PL.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$589,000.....NANCY  
2061 EUNICE.....BERKELEY.....3BR/1.5BA.....\$285,000.....RITA Z.  
2021 DEL NORTE.....BERKELEY.....3BR/1BA.....\$449,000.....LYDIA  
2115 SPAULDING.....BERKELEY.....3BR/2BA.....\$259,000.....E  
320 VASSAR.....KENSINGTON.....1+BR/1BA.....\$250,000.....KAREN  
8400 BEL VIEW CT.....EL CERRITO.....5BR/4BA.....\$849,000.....HELEN  
545 PIERCE.....ALBANY.....2BR/2BA.....\$154,000.....JEANNE  
5647 COLUMBIA.....RICHMOND ANX...2BR/1BA.....\$179,500.....JACK  
6815 WESTOVER.....MONTCLAIR.....4BR/3BA.....\$315,000.....JEANNE  
447 43RD.....OAKLAND.....2BR/1BA.....\$168,000.....THE

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

## ELEGANCE, GLAMOUR &amp; CANYON VIEW.....\$849,000

REDUCED! Located in the rolling hills of Wildcat Canyon at the top of the El Cerrito hills, this 5BR/4BA home was recently designed and constructed for the ultimate in quality. Large family room, state-of-the-art kit, FDR plus separate guest quarters. Large rear deck and yard surrounded by beautiful landscaping.

## SERENE BERKELEY HILLS OASIS.....\$695,000

JUST LISTED! Stunning 3 bridge views! Level-in estate in park-like setting. Traditional style full of light, beautifully decorated and painted in and out, perfect for sophisticated entertaining. Generous master suite, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths plus formal dining and family room. Also deck with huge views.

## LOVELY CLAREMONT TRADITIONAL.....\$589,000

Gracious home ideally located on a tree-lined street in one of Berkeley's most desirable areas. 3 spacious bedrooms with master suite plus den/4th bedroom. Remodeled kitchen, Formal dining and rear deck.

## BERK DUPLEX NEAR ROSE GARDEN.....\$449,000

JUST LISTED! Two elegant units in the Berkeley hills near the Rose Garden, park and tennis courts. 2+3 bedrooms, hwdwd flrs and Bay views.

## CLASSY BERKELEY HILLS DUPLEX.....\$439,000

JUST LISTED! Gorgeous Bay views from this contemporary style duplex. Both units 2BR/1BA. Spacious flr plans w/French drs to walled courtyard plus balcony. Walk to UC, and Northside shops.

## BAY VIEWS FROM KENSINGTON.....\$350,000

Sunny 3BR/2BA home in great Kensington neighborhood. Includes master bedroom and bath, hwdwd flrs, and lots of space.

## LARGE TRAD IN BERKELEY HILLS.....\$289,500

JUST LISTED! Tremendous potential in this great traditional in top area. 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining, 3 stories, top level could be master suite or in-law. Hardwood flrs, large deck, wood deck setting.

## BERKELEY CAPE COD TRADITIONAL.....\$285,000

Ideal North Berkeley location. Walk to shops, restaurants and Live Oak Park. 3BR/1.5BA, Formal dining, all freshly painted. Lg yard w/deck off kit.

## ON THE TOP FLOOR IN ALBANY.....\$150,000

Spacious, elegant top floor unit w/valued celing, frpl and sunny alcove. Views of the hills and Bay. 2 master bedroom suites. Plus all the am-

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# Wilson...

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sometimes called Queen Anne  
at back East.

**Georgian Colonial** Re-  
sisted first by its  
or rectangular floor plan.  
of the style's architectural  
were borrowed from Geor-  
omes built along the East-  
board in the former British  
between 1710 and 1780.

The second most popular sub-  
category was the High-Peaked or  
Queen Anne Colonial Revival.  
These homes borrowed most of  
their motifs from the Medieval-  
Overhang style of saltbox com-  
mon throughout New England,  
New York and New Jersey be-  
tween 1620 and 1700.

By far the most prominent feature  
of these homes were their  
steeply-pitched roof lines, which,  
like their 17th-century ancestors,  
were always at an angle of 45  
degrees or steeper.

The High-Peaked Colonial Re-  
vival utilized such accurate 17th-  
century features as casement  
diamond-paned windows with  
lead or wood lattices, small dormer  
windows set onto the steeply-

pitched roof lines and second-  
story medieval overhangs.

They also added a number of  
Georgian details such as columned  
porches (smaller than on Neo-  
Georgian homes and tucked be-  
neath the overhang) and triangular  
or scrollwork pediments above  
doors or windows.

Since Colonial Revivals were  
Transitional Era homes, they of-  
ten blended various late Victorian  
motifs with Early American ones,  
such as ornate stained glass windows,  
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# PACIFIC UNION RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

**HOMES OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30**

## OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| AQUARIUS WAY, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3+BA.....                             | \$849,000 |
| Custom Spanish on 1/4 acre, rumpus, den/library, Patrice Scott       |           |
| BOTWAY, PIEDMONT - 4BD/4BA.....                                      | \$699,000 |
| 2 family rms, bay views, 4-car garage. Helen Danhak 547-5750         |           |
| BLICK COURT, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/3BA.....                               | \$649,000 |
| Custom built contemporary, den, family room. Francis Heath           |           |
| ASCOT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3BA.....                               | \$585,000 |
| Spacious rooms, bay/terrace views, level yard. Nancy Chew            |           |
| FOREST DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....                              | \$524,000 |
| New home, bay view, master suite w/sitting area. Bill Weissberg      |           |
| FOREST COURT, OAKLAND HILLS - 3+BD/3+BA.....                         | \$469,000 |
| Great views, open floor plan, lg family rm. Dick Cohen               |           |
| HARBOR DRIVE, UPPER ROCKBRIDGE - 4BD/2+BA.....                       | \$459,000 |
| Tudor jewel, charming features, mahogany deck. Wendy Gardner         |           |
| THOMAS AVENUE, ROCKBRIDGE - 4BD/2+BA.....                            | \$439,000 |
| designed trad, den, bsmt, level out to back yard. Donna DeBardi      |           |
| LOWD AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/3BA.....                                | \$405,000 |
| Family rm & deck off kit, au pair, level back yard. Ann Nichols      |           |
| FAIRHILL COURT, RIDGEMONT - 3+BD/2+BA.....                           | \$399,000 |
| 1,600 sq ft, 2 frpls, huge patio/garden areas, 3-car gar. Robyn Mohr |           |

## BY APPOINTMENT

### PIEDMONT

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| ACRE ESTATE.....   | \$1,950,000 |
| restored home rich in architectural detail. 7+BD/5+BA            |             |
| room, library, ballroom, bay views, pool. Georgia Cornell        |             |
| CLASSIC ELEGANCE.....  | \$1,750,000 |
| traditional with French touches, perfect for entertaining. 6+BD/ |             |
| library, fam rm, private gardens, pool. Sally Morrison           |             |
| ROMANTIC VIEWS.....  | \$939,000   |
| sophisticated, fabulous views of cities & bay. 3BD/3BA           |             |
| remodeled with all new systems. Dee Dee Bonham                   |             |

## OAKLAND / BERKELEY

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| MANDING SF/GG VIEWS!.....                                      | \$1,450,000 |
| custom home w/sweeping views. Dramatic entry, 5+BD/            |             |
| huge party rm w/ wet bar, oversized garage. Robyn Mohr         |             |
| CONSTRUCTION - MONTCLAIR.....                                  | \$849,000   |
| Custom Spanish on 1/4 acre. Fabulous courtyard, 4BD/           |             |
| library, family room, rumpus, hdwd floors. Vicki Woodhead      |             |
| PRIVATE GARDEN SETTING.....                                    | \$499,000   |
| Spacious custom home w/ bay views. Dramatic entry, 4BD/3+BA, 2 |             |
| beds, formal DR, spacious kit/family rm. Wendy Gardner         |             |
| RAVEN COUNTRY ESTATE.....                                      | \$499,000   |
| 1,600 sq ft, 2 frpls, large deck, garage. Robyn Mohr           |             |
| VALLEY HILLS.....  | \$425,000   |
| 2 bay views and level, sunny yard. 4BD/3BA, family room,       |             |
| bedroom, fireplace, 2 large decks. Ann Nichols                 |             |
| MONTECLAR FAMILY HOME.....                                     | \$415,000   |
| on a quiet cul-de-sac with wonderful outdoor living on         |             |
| 1/2 acre lot. 4BD/3BA, family room, 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr   |             |
| PRIVATE SETTING - MONTCLAIR.....                               | \$409,000   |
| modern architecture, 3BD/2+BA, atrium play rm off family room, |             |
| rm with library, box rooms, tiled patio deck. Chuck Corwin     |             |
| POINT PINES CONTEMPORARY.....                                  | \$409,000   |
| 3 bedrooms, all with beautiful outlook. 4BD/3BA, kitchen/      |             |
| room combo, level-in from garage. Diane E. McCain              |             |
| ROCKBRIDGE.....  | \$369,900   |
| Spanish Mediterranean. 3BD/3BA, updated kitchen,               |             |
| rm, huge bsmt, attached garage, garden. Donna Costella         |             |
| MONTCLAIR CUL-DE-SAC.....                                      | \$369,000   |
| 1,600 sq ft, 2 mst suites, fam rm off kitchen opens to tile    |             |
| deck, landscaped garden, 3-car attached gar. Debi Fitzpatrick  |             |
| MONT CLAR SIDE OF MONTCLAIR.....                               | \$349,000   |
| among the pines, yet just a short walk to Montclair Village.   |             |
| MONTECLAR SIDE SETTING - MONTCLAIR.....                        | \$329,000   |
| 1/2 acre lot, gorgeous yard. Chuck Corwin                      |             |

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peared on the earliest 17th-cen-  
tury colonial homes and dis-  
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## Events

*The Events Calendar does not  
accept for-profit listings. Announce-  
ments for these events can be made  
in our classified section by calling  
339-8777. Listings are made on a  
space available basis.*

The El Cerrito Garden Club in-  
vites its members and guests to  
**Preview Three Private Gardens.**  
Maps and directions will be avail-  
able after 9:30 a.m., Thurs., May 8  
at the Contra Costa Civic Center,  
951 Pomona (at Moeser Lane) in El  
Cerrito. Refreshments will be served  
at one of the gardens. There is a \$2  
fee for guests. Members are free.  
Call Dee Pruyat at 527-7409 for  
more information.

Catherine Teegarden of Com-  
monwealth United Mortgage pre-  
sents the free seminar **How To  
Make Money Using the FHA  
203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7  
p.m., Thurs., May 8 at the First  
American Title Company, 1544  
Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how  
to purchase, rehab and sell residential  
properties. Realtors can learn  
how to locate and market 203 fix-  
ers. Owner-occupants can buy  
fixed-up properties for no money  
down single home and multiunit  
properties, sell them quickly and  
realize your profits. Nonprofits  
(churches and others) can buy and  
fix up properties for the communi-  
ties they serve. Realtors, home buy-  
ers and nonprofits are all welcome  
to attend. This workshop is held on  
an ongoing basis. Reservations are  
required. Call Catherine Teegarden  
at 210-8103 for information and  
reservations.

The Orchid Society of Califor-  
nia invites you to its annual  
**Mother's Day Weekend Blooming  
Orchids Show and Sale**, 10  
a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri. May 9 and 10  
a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. and Sun. May 10  
and 11. Admission is free. The show  
will be held at the Lakeside Garden  
Center, 666 Bellevue in Oakland's  
Lakeside Park. Potting demos,

growing information and cultural  
supplies and information will be  
available. Blooming rare orchids  
like dendrobiums, cattleyas,  
phalaenopsis and more will high-  
light this three-day event. Call 531-  
1210 for more information.

The Building Education Center  
(BEC) is the place to start your  
dream home or to start turning your  
home into a dream. On Sat., May 10  
BEC presents Christine Coates'  
**Hardwood Floor Installation** at  
Golden State Flooring in South San  
Francisco, contractor and mediator  
Ron Kelley will teach you **How to  
Overcome Homeowner Night-  
mares** Scott Perry will reveal **Paint-  
ing: Tricks of the Trade** and  
builder/designer Andus Brandt will  
host **Deck Building: Hands-On**.  
On Sun., May 11, the center pre-  
sents author/broker Alice Sells  
**The Smart Seller** Call BEC  
at 525-7610 for more information.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. invites  
first-time home buyers to a free  
**No-Money-Down Seminar**, 11:30 a.m.  
to 1:30 p.m., Sat., May 10 at 5540  
Edgerly St. in Oakland. Learn about  
credit repair, no-money-down  
purchases, budgeting, non-occupant  
comortgagors, down-payment-as-  
sistant programs, lease options and  
the loan process. Call (800) 801-  
1320 to register.

The Building Education Center  
(BEC) is the place to start your  
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home into a dream. On Mon., May  
12 BEC presents **Steel Framing**  
and on Wed., May 14 the center will  
host architect John Ploss as he pre-  
sents **Preconstruction: the Design  
and Planning Process**. Call BEC  
at 525-7610 for more information.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the  
American Society of Home In-  
spectors (ASHI) hosts its monthly  
meeting Thurs., May 15 at Hs  
Lordship's Restaurant at the Ber-  
keley Marina. Home inspectors who

belong to ASHI or those interested  
in joining and meeting other pro-  
fessionals are invited to attend.  
Along with a regular chapter busi-  
ness meeting, Les Williams, owner  
of Les Williams Gutters and  
Sheetmetal will discuss proper roof  
gutter installation and maintenance  
as well as the compatibility of gut-  
ter materials and gutter installation  
defects. The \$35 cost includes din-  
ner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-  
9335 for more information.

Cal Fed presents a series of free  
**Brown Bag Lunch Time Home  
Buyer Seminars**. The seminars are  
held the third Fri. of each month.  
The dynamic Nate Brooks of RE/  
MAX in Motion will present **The  
16 Secrets Every Home Buyer  
Should Know Before Talking to a  
Real Estate Agent**, at 12:10 p.m.,  
Fri., May 16 at Cal Fed, 1325 Broad-  
way in Oakland. These seminars  
will teach you the exact steps you'll  
need to protect yourself when buy-  
ing a home. Call Gary Robinson at  
530-4789 or Ivory Hart at 834-3392  
for more information.

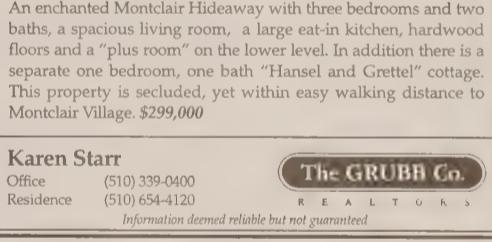
The Hillside Gardeners of Mont-  
clair invite you to the **Montclair  
Garden Tour**, noon to 3 p.m., Sat.,  
May 17. Five gardens will be open  
for viewing. A reception will be  
held at the last garden from 3 to 4  
p.m. The cost of the tour and reception  
is \$18.50. Proceeds will go  
towards the club's scholarship fund  
and civic beautification efforts. The  
club annually awards scholarships to  
horticulture students. Some of the club's  
beautification efforts are evident in the planting tubs through-  
out Montclair Village and the lot at  
Masonic and Moraga. Call 339-  
1404 for tickets or for more information  
about the tour.

Dana Levy of Dean Witter Rey-  
nolds invites you to the free semi-  
nar **Taking Your Lump Sum Dis-  
tribution**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sat.,  
May 17 at Scott's Restaurant in  
Walnut Creek. Call 746-2935 for  
an invitation and more information

St. Joseph's Basilica Garden  
Club in Alameda hosts its **Third  
Annual Gardens Galore Tour**, 11  
a.m. to 3 p.m. Sun., May 18, rain or  
shine. The tour will consist of nine  
Alameda gardens. A boutique will  
offer a large selection from Bay  
Area vendors. The boutique will be  
open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets  
for the tour are \$15 with boxed  
lunches available for \$6. Call 814-  
5200.

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## HOUSE PLUS COTTAGE

An enchanted Montclair Hideaway with three bedrooms and two  
baths, a spacious living room, a large eat-in kitchen, hardwood  
floors and a "plus room" on the lower level. In addition there is a  
separate one bedroom, one bath "Hansel and Gretel" cottage.  
This property is secluded, yet within easy walking distance to  
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6101 Mazuela - Approx. 4,500 sq. ft. contemporary. 4BR/3.5BA,  
+ study, 2 family rooms, high ceilings, dramatic  
wall of windows and spectacular Bay Views.  
Triple garage. \$889,000.

6111 Mazuela - Approx. 4,500 sq. ft. Bay View. Traditional. 5BR/  
4BA, study, garage. \$889,000.

6140 Mazuela - Under construction - Spacious contemporary,  
approx. 4,900 sq. ft. 4BR, 3 frpl, gourmet kit.  
w/ adjoining marvelous family rm. w/ high  
vaulted ceiling. Exciting features plus bay &  
canyon views. Scheduled for completion 6/97.  
\$899,000.

6054 Mazuela - Under construction. approx. 4,900 sq. ft.  
Spanish Med. flair. 4BR, 3 frpl, gourmet kit.  
w/ adjoining marvelous family rm. w/ high  
vaulted ceiling. Exciting features plus bay &  
canyon views. Scheduled for completion 6/97.  
\$848,000.

6012 Mazuela - Panoramic bay view, gentle  
upslope with level area. Approx. 13,500 sq ft.  
\$280,000.

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7152 for more information.

The Contra Costa and Oakland East Bay chapters of the Women's Council of Realtors invite you to a **Day at the Races**, Wed. May 21. Call Lee Jacobson at Pacific Union Realty, 339-6460 for ticket information.

The San Francisco Chapter of the Institute of Real Estate Managers (IREM) will host a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wed., May 21 at the Oakland Marriott, 1001 Broadway. Guest speaker Vallejo Police Chief Robert Nicholino will discuss crime prevention and how communities can

pull together. Call Chris Colombo at (415) 243-9313 for information and reservations.

Now is the time to prepare for **East Bay Habitat for Humanity's Build-A-Thon** fund-raiser, Fri., July 4 through Sun., July 6 and Fri. July 11 through Sun. July 13. Join over 1,000 volunteers who will raise over \$100,000 to pay for building materials for 10 new Habitat homes. Sign up early to be a part of this unique and exciting blitz build fund-raiser. Call Chris at 251-6304 for more information.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley is held the first Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Find out about first-time home buyer

programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, handle home inspections; learn about contingencies that may protect a buyer from adverse conditions, and see if it may be more economical to buy rather than to rent. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations are required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554 to register or for more information.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing

basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 for times and places in your area.

**The East Bay Leads Club** meets 7:45 a.m. Wednesdays at the Kaiser Center Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. The Leads Club, the largest leads generating organization in the world, is open to all business owners, salespeople, managers and professionals. During weekly 75-minute meetings, each member gives a brief business presentation and exchanges leads collected during the previous week. Call 845-6688 for more information.

For inclusion in *Events*, send information to Dennis Evansky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047 Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

## Rid yourself of

This weekend may be the time to clean out the garage or get rid of that unsightly pile in the back yard or the back corner of the house.

Perhaps you've been putting off the task because of "things" lying around you just don't know what to do with: the rest of that varnish from when you finally got around to finishing that table, the oil from the last time you decided to save money and change the oil in the car yourself and/or the half a can of smelly insecticide that worked so well on those invading ants (it's no wonder they left!).

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# OPEN HOMES

## OAKLAND Open Sunday 2:45 pm

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| 6101 MAZUELA, Montclair Valle Vista 4/3½, study, 2 fam rms, vwl   | \$889,000          |
| Mason-McDuffie 845-0200, Barbara Hopper 635-4839 OPEN SAT & SUN 2-5   |                    |
| 943 AQUARIUS WY, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba, 1/4 acre, rumpus, library   | \$849,000          |
| Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460  |                    |
| 6054 MAZUELA, Montclair Valle Vista, 4/3 Spanish Med under const  | \$848,000          |
| Mason-McDuffie 845-0200, Barbara Hopper 635-4839 OPEN SAT & SUN 2-5   |                    |
| 5410 FERNHOFF DR, 4+bd/3+ba, 1+acre, formal DR, library, pool   | \$749,000          |
| Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400   |                    |
| 18 WALDECK CT, New listing! Montclair 3+3/2, custom, den, fam rm  | \$649,000          |
| Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460   |                    |
| 6041 GIRVIN DR, New listing! 3+3/2, GG vws, possible aupair   | \$629,000          |
| Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 530-4148  |                    |
| 6001 ASCOT DR, P. Pines, fab level ½ acre, privacy, pano vw, 3/2/ \$599,000   |                    |
| The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400   |                    |
| 6465 ASCOT DR, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, quality constr, bay/bridge vw  | \$585,000          |
| Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460  |                    |
| 2100 DRAKE, Montclair 3+bd/3ba, just listed! luxury, custom, grt lot  | \$549,000          |
| Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400  |                    |
| 6010 ZINN, New constr on cul-de-sac, Montclair 3+2½, rumpus, FDF\$539,000   |                    |
| Wells & Bennett, Sharon Hammond 339-5846  |                    |
| 6850 EXETER DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, GG/SF views, very private  | \$535,000          |
| Better Homes, Edith Marcus 339-4000   |                    |
| 47 BAY FOREST DR, Montclair 4/2+, bay view, mstr w/sliding area   | \$524,500          |
| Pacific Union, Bill Weissberg 339-6460  |                    |
| 28 MASONIC PL, Upper Rockridge 3+bd/2½ba, lg sunny pvt deck   | \$499,000          |
| Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174  |                    |
| 971 HILLCROFT CIR, Crocker, 3/2+1 colonial farmhouse, location!   | \$475,000          |
| Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174  |                    |
| 35 BAY FOREST CT, Oakland Hills 3+bd/3+ba, lg fam rm, grt vws   | \$469,000          |
| Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460  |                    |
| 7001 EXETER DR, P. Pines 4/3½/contemp w/views, decks, rumpus  | \$469,000          |
| The GRUBB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400  |                    |
| 6780 OAKWOOD DR, Just listed! 4bd/4½ba, 3 frpls, security system  | \$469,000          |
| Coldwell Banker, John Nielsen 339-1174  |                    |
| 6887 CHAMBERS DR, Montclair, 4½/2 quality const, many upgrades  | \$469,000          |
| The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400  |                    |
| 4401 HARBORD DR, Upper Rockridge 4bd/2+ba Tudor jewel, deck   | \$459,000          |
| Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460   |                    |
| 2900 JOAQUIN MILLER, 5bd/3½b, big 11 yr old family hm, yd, deck   | \$449,000          |
| Better Homes, Carin Caro 339-8400   |                    |
| 6622 GLEN OAKS, Montclair 3bd/2ba, pano views, private  | \$449,000          |
| Better Homes, Lois C. Johnson 339-8400  |                    |
| 5372 THOMAS AV, Rockridge 4½b, architect designed, den, bsmt  | \$439,000          |
| Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460   |                    |
| 6915 PINEHAVEN RD, Montclair 5bd/2½ba, location/size/condition  | \$419,000          |
| Better Homes, Ed Linderde 631-8401 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5  |                    |
| 6779 CHELTEN DR, Montclair 3½/2½, kit/mn combo, FDR, office, decks  | \$409,000          |
| The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz  |                    |
| 8201 SKYLINE CIR, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bds w/2½ba, by Kaufman and Broad. Spectacular vws of SF bay, recreational trails, easy commute. 430-9633 OPEN DAILY 10-6, FRIDAY 1-6 | \$300,000's and up |
| 5115 FAIRHILL CT, Ridgemont 3+bd/2+ba, all level, patio/garden  | \$399,000          |
| Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460  |                    |
| 223 DUNCAN WAY, Montclair 2bd/1½ English Tudor + 1/2 cottage  | \$395,000          |
| Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460   |                    |
| 2749 CARISBROOK DR, 3/2+2 in pvt garden setting, fam rm, patio  | \$386,000          |
| Coldwell Banker, Jerry Maher 339-1174   |                    |
| 5727 SNAKE RD, Montclair, 4bd/2ba, great yd & deck, new kitchen   | \$379,000          |
| Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 292-9038  |                    |
| 2181 ANDREWS St, Montclair 3½/2½b, gourmet kit, parklike setting  | \$379,000          |
| Better Homes, Michael Hardig 654-2663   |                    |
| 3330 MONTEREY BL, Redwood Hts 4bd/3ba view home, deck, mstr   | \$378,888          |
| Better Homes, Steven Jung 883-4078  |                    |
| 6115 ROCKBRIDGE BL, So., Sunny unique 3bd/2ba, skylites, hdwds  | \$352,000          |
| Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 339-6464  |                    |
| 64 STARVIEW DR, Hiller, 3bd/2½b, SF vw from mstr, circular drive  | \$349,000          |
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| Wells & Bennett, Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780  |                    |
| 6708 AITKEN DR, 1st time on market, grt for extended family   | \$349,000          |
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| 793 MANDANA BL, Crocker Highlands 3bd/1ba, Med style, yd, shop  | \$339,000          |
| Better Homes, Lois C. Johnson 339-8400  |                    |
| 15 MASONIC PL, 2bd/2ba, new price! made for entertaining, decks   | \$338,000          |
| Better Homes, Mai Marcus 339-9281   |                    |
| 6674 CHARING CROSS, Hiller, 3½/2 stunning twrns, fab upgrades   | \$329,500          |
| Better Homes, Harry Kress 339-8400  |                    |
| 1027 CLARENDRN CRESCENT, Crocker 3/1+, upgraded, level yd   | \$319,000          |
| Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460   |                    |
| 6185 WESTOVER, Montclair 4bd/3ba  | \$315,000          |
| Coldwell Banker 486-1495  |                    |
| 7055 SKYLINE BL, Montclair 3bd/2ba, canyon scenery, den, FDR  | \$299,500          |
| Better Homes, Richard Hedges 339-4000   |                    |
| 6651 CHABOT RD, 2bd/1+ba plus den, well maintained  | \$299,000          |
| Mason-McDuffie 428-0800, David Ichikawa 547-8978  |                    |
| 4239 GREGORY ST, Redwood Hts 3bd/2b, all level living, yd, deck   | \$284,500          |
| Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460   |                    |
| 5608 MERRIEDWOOD DR, Montclair, sunny, unique, Mediterranean, charm & character, updated. Best value! 339-9001  | \$279,000          |
| 159 SANTA ROSA, 3bd/1+ba, great craftsman, fireplace, hdwd flrs   | \$279,000          |
| Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Gaynell Estie 763-0351   |                    |
| 6376 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 2bd/2b unique "pole house", decks  | \$279,000          |
| Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460  |                    |

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# Arts & Letters

## East Bay Events

### Local artist's work on display

Recent watercolors, pastels, drawings, collages and mixed media constructions by Albany artist Trudy Vilaska will be on display July 1 through July 3 in the Northbrae Community Church's Ted Weld Gallery. A reception for the artist will be held Sunday, July 5, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Vilaska, a retired Albany teacher, holds a Fine Arts degree from Sonoma College. The church is located at 941 The Alameda, between Solano and Marin avenues. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 to 4 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 3 p.m.

### Actor's Ensemble holding auditions

Auditions for "Holiday," Philip Barry's romantic comedy, will be held by Actors Ensemble of Berkeley Monday and Tuesday, May 12 and May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck

There are parts for four women and four men aged 25 to 40, and women 55 years or older. Anyone is encouraged to audition, coming from a script. "Holiday" was a hit of the '30s and will be on at Live Oak Theatre Friday and Saturday evenings July 11 and Aug. 9. For more information call 672-6767.

### Engineering women of bluegrass reunion

By Carol Egan



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### Concert to benefit new publication

Future editors of "CommonPlace" magazine will hold a concert to launch the new social justice and spirituality on May 9 at 7 p.m. at Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar. Local singer-songwriters Lawson Barnes, Brian Smith and Wolfe are featured, as well as traditional African music of Tukunda Orphan and progressive rock by local band Falling For Information. Call 233-4757.

### Benefit concert for children's center

Internationally renowned guitarist David Tanenbaum will play a concert with his wife, pianist Julie Tanenbaum, at Mills College, Sunday, May 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. for the Teacher's Fund at the Children's Community Center in Berkeley. The center, the oldest parent cooperative nursery school west of the Mississippi, is celebrating its 70th anniversary. It created the Teacher's Endowment Fund in 1996 in response to national concern over the underpayment of pre-school teachers. Concert tickets are \$10, \$8 for students, seniors and members. Call 540-5161.

### Berkeley Art Center hosts string quartet

San Francisco's Cypress String Quartet will be the resident orchestra for the Berkeley Art Center's 1997-98 season. All members hold degrees from the Juilliard, Cleveland and Curtis Schools of Music and have performed throughout the

country. On Sunday, May 11, the quartet will perform Beethoven's "String Quartet in E Flat Major, Opus 74," Berio's "Glossa for String Quartet" (1996) and "Quartet No. 2 in F Major, Opus 92" by Debussy. The center is located at 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students, seniors and members. Call 543-4933 for information.



Berkeley Art Center's "Homage to David Nadel" depicts the former owner encircled by the folk acts he promoted.

### Spotlight's on disabled artists

With Addison Window Gallery, city of Berkeley Recreation Department, Berkeley Civic Arts Commission, National Institute on Disabilities and Creative Growth Center are producing

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GhettOriginal Production's 'Jam on the Groove' features 15 dancers breakdancing, moonwalking, shadow jousting and rapping.

## Getting into the 'Jam on the Groove'

### Street-savvy dancers from across the nation bring energy to Zellerbach Hall

By Carol Egan

Last week's appearance of "Jam on the Groove" at Zellerbach brought a new level of energy into the auditorium. The cause: an explosive group of break dancers, calling themselves GhettOriginal Productions. Hailing from Los Angeles, New York, and several other locations, they have been dancing on streets, stages and in clubs for a number of years.

Among the performers Kenny "Ken Swift" Gabbert participated in the first hip-hop international tour in 1981 and the first hip-hop film and documentary, *Style Wars* (1981) while Michael "Boogaloo Shrimp" Chambers, who began dancing on the Redondo Beach Pier at age 11, starred in many music videos, displaying the robotic style he calls "liquid animation." This original style caught the eye of Michael Jackson who hired him to be his personal dance instructor. Clearly these two,

along with their fellow dancers, are experienced and recognized performers in the world of hip-hop.

Using the various forms of street dancing (hip-hop, break dancing, moon-walking, popping, locking, whacking, etc.), the performers of "Jam on the Groove" display an enormous amount of

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technical skill while, at the same time, bringing to their work individual styles and expression. Through a series of short numbers, they impress us not only with their physical bravado but also through their budding choreographic abilities.

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however. Its creators delve even further into the artistic heart of the matter and begin to find ways of expressing ideas via the form. At this stage in their development, the ideas remain fairly simple.

Some of the most effective are also some of the simplest: a shadow-boxing number ("The Shadow Knows" performed by "Flow Master" and Kenny "Ken Swift" Gabbert) in which the shadow is finally revealed to be another dancer and a puppeteer/marionette number, "Puppet," beautifully executed by Fabel and Mr. Wiggles, which ends when the marionette revolts and, suspended by imaginary balloons, gracefully glides offstage. There are echoes of the Marx Brothers and Marcel Marceau in numbers such as these, but one feels they are not derivative but rather finding and using age-old techniques to enhance their numbers.

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## 'All Over Me': An adult film for teens?

By Renata Polt

Ellen and Claude (Claudia) are 15-year-old best friends living in the Hell's Kitchen area of Manhattan in "All Over Me," a first feature directed by Alex Sichel and written by her sister, Sylvia Sichel. Being 15 in Manhattan today, you'll hardly be surprised to learn, isn't anything like being 15, anywhere, was when most of us were that age.

Claude (Alison Folland) is a rangy, awkward girl who

lives for the notion of forming a rock band with her pal, Ellen (Tara Subkoff). Ellen, blonde and fragile-looking, is a master of the put-down: "Everything you have is so big!" she exclaims, pawing through Claude's bureau drawers for some cool piece of clothing to borrow.

Claude's single mom (Ann Dowd) is too preoccupied with her own love life to notice much of what's going on with her daughter. She's not happy about the length of Ellen's last sleep-over — something like a month — but

she's unaware of the erotic element in the girls' friendship. It's Ellen who introduces that, flirting with Claude while bragging of the things she and her scary, violent new boyfriend Mark (Cole Hauser) do together.

Claude is encouraged in her musical aspirations not by Ellen, who rehearses with her only reluctantly, but by a new downstairs tenant, Luke (Pat Briggs), lead singer in the band

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origins of the Physically Disabled Students' Program at University of California Berkeley in 1962. Free. Thursday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 1931 Center St., Berkeley. 548-0181.

UC Museum of Paleontology: "Tyrannosaurus rex." A 20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. rex yet excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing.

"Teranodon." A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Teranodon lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.

California Fossils Exhibit. An exhibit of some of the fossils which have been excavated in California.

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. 642-4877.

Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology: "Collecting Pueblo Pottery, 1890-1910. The exhibition is a comprehensive collection of pueblo pottery that represents the work of nearly all the native peoples of the American Southwest. The turn-of-the-century time period of the collection was a period of great change to Native American cultures as a railroad was completed linking the southwest to the rest of the country and opening the area to collection.

Included in the exhibit are pieces from The Mesa Verde Collection, The George Pepper Collection of Pueblo Pottery and The Thomas Kean Collection of Hopi Pottery. Also included are watercolors of Anasazi pottery from Chaco Canyon painted by German artist Rudolf L. Cronau in 1900 to 1902.

"Worlds of Weaving: Berkeley Collects Textiles," through June 15. An introduction to the textiles collections at the University of California at Berkeley, including samples from Africa, Mexico and the United States.

"Artists of the Loom: Maya Cloth and Clothing of Guatemala, 1880s to 1990s," through June 15. An exhibit of Guatemalan textiles and clothing. "Approaching a Century of Anthropology: The Phoebe Hearst Museum," ongoing. This new permanent installation will introduce visitors to major topics in the museum's history, including the role of Phoebe Apperson Hearst as the museum's patron, as well as the relationship of anthropologists Alfred Kroeber and Robert Lowie to the museum.

"Ishi and the Invention of Yahi Culture," this exhibit presents a fresh perspective on Yahi Indians, Ishi and his association with 20th century society. \$2 general; \$1 seniors; 50 cents children age 16 and under; free on Thursdays. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. 643-7648 or 642-3681.

Judah L. Magnes Museum; "Cel-

ebration of Youth Arts Festival '97: A Palette of Cultures," through May 25. An exhibit of works by public school students age 14 to 18 exploring their culture and the diversity of cultures in the area.

"When Artists Became Workers: The People's Art Movement of the '30s and '40s," through May 25. An exhibit focusing on the work of Jewish artists during the great Depression and how they attempted to depict the economic struggle of the everyday American.

Free. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

Richmond Museum of History "Ferme Ground: The Richmond Area Circa 1900," open-ended. A look at Richmond as it was 90 years ago when it was primarily an agricultural community. The exhibit covers home life, recreational pursuits and the agricultural community which consisted of dairy farms and farms raising wheat, hay and grain.

"The History of Richmond from Native Americans to the Shipyards of the 1940s," permanent exhibit. An exhibit of artifacts, vehicles, clothing and photographs which tells the history of Richmond. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevin Ave., Richmond. 235-7387.

### Lectures and Workshops

May 8

Using the Telephone to generate leads and interviews; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; mini-workshop; Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$5/members, \$10/non-members.

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May 13  
A Career Working with the Homeless; 12 - 1 p.m., April Davis, Homeless Action Center is the guest speaker; Turning Point Career Center.

2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 848-6370; \$3.

Assess Your Interests Using the Cope Inventory; 4 p.m.; Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$3.

Ongoing  
"Working With People: Where? With Whom?" 1:30-2:30 p.m.; workshops are free to members and \$3 for nonmembers; Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370.

James Houston: May 8, 7:30 p.m.; *In the Ring of Fire: A Pacific Basin Journey*; 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698.

Joseph Henkin: May 11, 7:30 p.m.; *Swimming Across the Hudson*

Timothy Ferris: May 12, 7:30 p.m.; *The Whole Shebang: A State-of-the-Union* (TDD)

Drop in Support Groups for job seekers; 4 - 5 p.m.; participants share feedback and support for maintaining motivation; Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA; 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$5/members, \$10/non-members.

### Literary Events

May 10

Alice Walker; 8 p.m. Mother's Day Eve with Alice Walker at King Middle School; 1781 Rose St., Berkeley; 848-6767, x. 609; \$10 donation, \$12 at the door.

Easy Going Travel Shop & Bookstore  
Medea Benjamin; May 8, 7:30 p.m.; *The Peace Corps and More: 175 Ways to Work, Study, and Travel at Home & Abroad*.

Jerry Graham; May 13, 7:30 p.m.; *Jerry Graham's San Francisco: Backroads and Back Streets*; 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 843-3533.

Black Oak Books  
James Houston: May 8, 7:30 p.m.; *In the Ring of Fire: A Pacific Basin Journey*; 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698.

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Lynne Withey: May 13, 7:30 p.m.; *Grand Tours and Cook's Tours: A History of Leisure Travel 1750-1915*

Susan Rubin Suleiman: May 14, 7:30 p.m.; *Budapest Diary: In Search of the Motherbook*.

June Sut Zrott and Charles "Shleimeh" Zabuksi; May 15, 7:30 p.m.; *Needle and Thread: A Tale of Survival from Bialystok to Paris*.

Barnes and Noble  
Dr. Elmer Grossman; May 8, 7:30 p.m.; *Everyday Pediatrics for Parents*; Barnes & Noble; 2352 Shattuck, Berkeley; 272-9237.

Shirley Dean; May 13, 7:30 p.m.; "How to Downsize Your Debt" Workshop, Education Coordinator of the Con-

sumer Credit Counseling East Bay.

Steve Lewis, May 13, 7:30 p.m.; presentation with the Mount Shasta Berkeley 634-9390.

Gala Bookstore  
Tristine Ranner discussion

Paulo Coelho, May 14, 7:30 p.m.; The author will discuss his book *Water*.

Antoine and Françoise, May 14, 7:30 p.m.; *anthoine.com*.

Suze Orman, May 14, 7:30 p.m.; *Steps to Financial Freedom* and *Spiritual Steps to the Lot*.

Sandy Boucher, May 14, 7:30 p.m.; The author will discuss her book *Going to the Lotus*.

Cafe Poetry & Authors, May 14, 7:30 p.m.; *Super Stories and open mic*.

Stop Cancer Where It Grows, May 14, 7:30 p.m.; video and discussion.

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of the Physically Disabled Student Program at University of California-Berkeley in 1962. Thursday through Saturday, 1-4 p.m. 1931 Center St., Berkeley. (510) 843-3000.

**Museum of Paleontology**; "Tyrannosaurus rex." A 20-foot-tall, 40-foot-long replica of the famous dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones that are most complete. T. rex yet excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a piece of the tailbone missing.

"Worlds of Weaving: Berkeley Collects Textiles," through June 15. An introduction to the textile collections at the University of California at Berkeley, including samples from Africa, Mexico and the United States.

"Artists of the Loom: Maya Cloth and Cloth of Guatemala, 1880s to 1990s," through June 15. An exhibit of Guatemalan textiles and clothing. "Approaching a Century of Anthropology: The Phoebe Hearst Museum," ongoing. This new permanent installation will introduce visitors to major topics in the museum's history, including the role of Phoebe Hearst as the museum's patron, as well as the relationship of anthropologists Alfred Kroeber and Robert Lowie to the museum.

**Hearst Museum of Anthropology**; through Oct. 26; "Collecting Pottery, 1890-1910. The exhibition is a comprehensive collection of pottery that represents the work of all the native peoples of the Southwestern United States. The turn-of-the-century period of the collection was a great change to Native Americans as a railroad was completed to the southwest to the rest of the country and opening the area to col-

lectors. Included in the exhibit are pieces from The Mesa Verde Collection, The George Pepper Collection of Pueblo Pottery and The Thomas Kean Collection of Hopi Pottery. Also included are watercolors of Anasazi pottery from Chaco Canyon painted by German artist Rudolf L. Cronau 1900 to 1902.

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"Ishi and the Invention of Yahi Culture;" this exhibit presents a fresh perspective on Yahi Indians, Ishi and his association with 20th century society.

\$2 general; \$1 seniors; 50 cents children age 16 and under; free on Thursdays. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. 643-7648 or 642-3681.

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## Public auction of shop equipment at Albany High May 10

The Albany Unified School District is holding a public auction of wood shop, metal and other equipment on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Albany High School, 655 Key Route Blvd. in the shop building. A preview of offerings will be held at 9 a.m.

Shop equipment will include wood lathes, metal lathes, drill presses, work tables, grinders, arc welders and other offerings.

There will also be printing, graphic arts, photography and other equipment up for auction.

## Public Notices

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Paulette Anne Giron, 761 Sweet Water Drive, Danville, CA 94560

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 14, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 14, 1997.

The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 97-2401

The Name of the Business:

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## Public Notices

Walnut Creek, CA 94595

Is registered by the following owner:

David B. Tufus, Jr., 31 Magnolia Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94595

This business is conducted by an individual.

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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 16, 1997.

The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 97-2237

The Name of the Business:

LE General Services, 5308 Bayview Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530

Is registered by the following owner:

Donna L. Stevens, 5308 Bayview Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 9, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 9, 1997.

The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 97-2237

The Name of the Business:

Image Management, 3081 Lakemont Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583

Is registered by the following owner:

J. Monti Co., Inc., 3081 Lakemont Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 30, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 30, 1997.

The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 97-2436

The Name of the Business:

X-Treme Graphic, 247 Lake Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572

Is registered by the following owner:

Shale Michelle Cobb, 247 Lake Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 14, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 14, 1997.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 97-2435

The Name of the Business:

Hawthorne Enterprises, 445 - 24 Reflections Circle, San Ramon, CA 94568

Is registered by the following owner:

Francine G. Waxman, 445 - 24 Reflections Circle, San Ramon, CA 94568

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 1, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 1, 1997.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 97-2719

The Name of the Business:

DIGITEK WORLDWIDE, 13 Inverleith Terrace, Moraga, CA 94556

Is registered by the following owner:

Christina A. Szylak, 13 Inverleith Terrace, Moraga, CA 94556

This business is conducted by an individual.

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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 1, 1997.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 97-2494

The Name of the Business:

Walker, Walker & Associates, 439 Coventry

## Public Notices

Road, Kensington, CA 94707

Is registered by the following owner:

James Walker, 439 Coventry Road, Kensington, CA 94707

Dorothy Walker, 439 Coventry Road, Kensington, CA 94707

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 18, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 18, 1997.

The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 97-2496

The Name of the Business:

Dynamite, 761 Sweet Water Drive, Danville, CA 94506

Is registered by the following owner:

Paulette Giron, 761 Sweet Water Drive, Danville, CA 94506

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 22, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 22, 1997.

The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 97-2213

The Name of the Business:

Image Management, 3081 Lakemont Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583

Is registered by the following owner:

Kimberly Valant, 3057 1 Lakemont Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583

This business is conducted by an individual.

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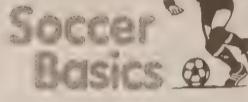
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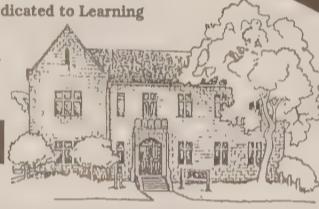
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by  
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There are many treatments and strategies to combat these diseases. Recently, The Food and Drug Administration has expounded several promising new drug treatments but nothing presently available is sufficient to treat these diseases alone. According to Robert Recker MD, PhD of The Osteoporosis Research Center at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, "other important factors should not be neglected". "Strength training exercises and eating a proper diet, rich in calcium, are equally as important as any other therapy."

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1853

The Name of the Business:  
All About Angels, 100 Bell Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94569.

is registered by the following owner:  
Vivian Hughes, 100 Bell Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94569.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 25, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 25, 1997.

The Journal April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 1997.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1950

The Name of the Business:  
Crystal Construction, 636 Eureka Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

is registered by the following owner:  
Verna Joyce Cury, 636 Eureka Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 27, 1997.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1924

The Name of the Business:  
The Gator Group, 79 Oak Ridge Ct., Danville, CA 94526.

is registered by the following owner:  
Mark Jeffrey Evans, 79 Oak Ridge Ct., Danville, CA 94506.

Deborah Sue Evans, 79 Oak Ridge Ct., Danville, CA 94506.

This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 26, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 26, 1997.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1916

The Name of the Business:  
Occupational Medicine Associates, 2970 Hilltop Mall Road, Suite 101, Richmond, CA 94806.

is registered by the following owner:  
Richard H. Shoop, M.D., 1 Ranch Road, Orinda, CA 94565.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 9, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 26, 1997.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2029

The Name of the Businesses:  
1) Heels Of God's Kingdom; 2) Just Jesus In Me, 4317 Thornhill Pl., Pittsburgh, CA 94565.

is registered by the following owner:  
Patricia E. Thomas, 4317 Thornhill Pl., Pittsburgh, CA 94565.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1948

The Name of the Businesses:  
1) Shop U 2 Rod's, 2220 Oak Hill Circle, #36, Pittsburgh, CA 94565.

is registered by the following owner:  
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This business is conducted by an individual.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-208

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1) Shop U 2 Rod's, 2220 Oak Hill Circle, #36, Pittsburgh, CA 94565.

is registered by the following owner:  
Rodin Jefferson, 2220 Oak Hill Cir., #36, Pittsburgh, CA 94565.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 27, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 27, 1997.

The Journal April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 1997.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2163

The Name of the Businesses:  
Al's Carpet Cleaning, 1501 Ashwood Drive, Martinez, CA 94553.

is registered by the following owner:  
Al Frank, 1501 Ashwood Drive, Martinez, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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The Journal April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 1997.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-213

The Name of the Business:  
Sunrise Pool Service, 963 Honister Lane, Concord, CA 94518.

is registered by the following owner:  
Philip L. Kurselman, 963 Honister Lane, Concord, CA 94518.

Lee N. Volker, 963 Honister Lane, Concord, CA 94518.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 3, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 3, 1997.

The Journal April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 1997.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1782

The Name of the Business:  
Sunset Nail, 3721 Sunset Ln., Ste. 101, Antioch, CA 94509.

is registered by the following owner:  
Celia Prasenice, 512 Limewood Drive, Antioch, CA 94509.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 20, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 20, 1997.

The Journal April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 1997.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1664

The Name of the Business:  
Resumes That Work, 548 Virgil St., Baypoint, CA 94565.

is registered by the following owners:  
Scott Jones, Jr., 548 Virgil St., Baypoint, CA 94565.

Arnold B. Johnson, 5732 Layton Dr., N. Hillsborough, CA 95660.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 20, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 20, 1997.

The Journal April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 1997.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1940

The Name of the Business:  
JOY A BROOKS, 5732 Layton Dr., N. Hillsborough, CA 95660.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 20, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 20, 1997.

The Journal April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 1997.

## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

In The Matter of The Application of:  
JOY A BROOKS, 5732 Layton Dr., N. Hillsborough, CA 95660

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number C-97-0140

THE COURT FINDS that Petitioner JOY A BROOKS has filed a Petition for Change of Name with the clerk of this court for an order changing her name from JOY ANN BROOKS to JOY ANN MARY BROOKS.

THE COURT ORDERS: a. All persons interested in this matter appear before this court to show cause why this application for change of name should not be granted; b. Hearing Date: May 12, 1997, Time: 9 a.m.; Dept. 50, Room 500, located at 625 Court St., Martinez, CA 94558.

## Public Notices

b. A copy of this order to show cause be published once a week for three successive weeks prior to the date of hearing in THE EL CERRITO JOURNAL, a newspaper of general circulation printed in the County of Contra Costa.

Notice to be dispensed with to the following persons:  
Applicant's father: John H. Brooks (stepfather), Apartment 100, 1997, 1997.

Judith E. Brooks, Apartment 100, 1997.

Judith A. Sanders, Judge/Pro Tem of the Superior Court.

Publish The Journal April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 1997.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Albany City Council has set a public hearing for MONDAY, MAY 19 AND JUNE 2, 1997, at 8:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the City Council Chamber, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94703.

The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the 1997/98 & 1998/99 Operating Budget and the 1997/98 - 2001 Capital Improvement Program Budget and Revisions to the Master Fee Schedule.

Copies of the budgets are on file in the City Administrator's Office at 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany.

Persons interested and desiring to be heard should be present at the time and place mentioned above, or send written comment to the City Council at 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94703.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE DIRECTIONS OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL.

JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ  
City Clerk  
Posted: City Hall, Library & Fire Dept.

The Journal May 8, 1997.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1950

The Name of the Business:  
Crystal Construction, 636 Eureka Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

is registered by the following owner:  
Verna Joyce Cury, 636 Eureka Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 25, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 25, 1997.

The Journal April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 1997.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1924

The Name of the Business:  
Rainbow Kickbacks, 347 W. Bissell Ave., Richmond, CA 94803.

is registered by the following owner:  
Jeffrey D. Cook, 347 W. Bissell Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 1, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 9, 1997.

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